

## Town of Arnprior Regular Meeting of Council: July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## **Correspondence Package Number A-23-JUL-11**

### **Recommendation:**

**That** the Correspondence Package Number. A-23-JUL-11 be received, and that the recommendation(s) outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

### Action Items:

### 1. Municipal Grant Application: Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association – Waive Rental Fees for Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (2023 Highland Dance Competition)

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association; and

**Whereas** Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association is a registered not-for-profit organization and runs in accordance with ScotDance Canada and the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing, the regulatory body around the world; and

**Whereas** this event is in memory of Caitlin Stewart, a former highland dance student of this association, and contributes to the Town's economy by bringing out-of-town competitors and their families, striving to contribute to keeping the Town's Scottish culture alive;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo, including chairs, tables, sound system, set up & tear down (value of approximately \$443.00) for their 2023 Highland Dance Competition event to be held on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**Further That** Council approves in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall (value of approximately \$350.00) for use as a rain venue in the case of inclement outdoor weather at Robert Simpson Park; and

**Further That** the Amprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Amprior added as an additional insured for the events.

#### 2. Municipal Grant Application: Community Living Renfrew County South – Waive Rental Fees for Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (Music In The Park)

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from Community Living Renfrew County South; and

**Whereas** Community Living Renfrew County South is a community-based, non-profit organization which provides services to those with development disabilities; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the Community Living Renfrew County South request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo including access to power box (value of approximately \$93.50) for their Music In The Park event to be held on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

**Further That** the Community Living Renfrew County South 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.

#### 3. Municipal Grant Application: Community Living Renfrew County South – Waive Rental Fees for Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (Music In The Park)

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from Community Living Renfrew County South; and

**Whereas** Community Living Renfrew County South is a community-based, non-profit organization which provides services to those with development disabilities; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the Community Living Renfrew County South request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo, including access to power box (value of approximately \$93.50) for their Music In The Park event to be held on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023;

**Further That** the Community Living Renfrew County South 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.

# 4. Municipal Grant Application: Gateway Church – Waive Rental Fees for Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (Sunday Service)

**That** Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Gateway Church; and

**Whereas** Gateway Church is an eligible faith-based community organization which provides faith-based ministry to their congregation and the local community; and

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the Gateway Church request by providing in-kind support through waiving the rental fees for the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo including access to power box (value of approximately \$93.50) for their Sunday Service event to be held on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023;

**Further That** the Gateway Church be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Amprior added as an additional insured for the events.

#### 5. Municipal Grant Application: Arnprior Agricultural Society – Waive Use Fees for Landfill Vouchers and Provision of Town Resources (2023 Valley Agricultural Festival)

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant Policy Application from the Arnprior Agricultural Society dated June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**Whereas** the Arnprior Agricultural Society is an eligible community organization under the Municipal Grants Policy as it demonstrates a benefit to the community by running youth-based agricultural programming including the Valley Agricultural Festival (formerly known as the Arnprior Fair);

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council support the 2023 Valley Agricultural Festival by providing in-kind support as follows:

- Two (2) free dump passes in total (20 yard roll off boxes) for the Amprior Waste Disposal Site (total estimated value of \$800.00);
- Use of Town picnic tables, bleachers, barricades and parking-related signage for the event (estimated value of approximately \$1,200.00 of staff time); and

**Further That** Council continues to stress the importance of recycling and reducing unnecessary waste going to the landfill; and

**Further That** the support, as described, is granted to the Arnprior Agricultural Society for the 2023 Valley Agricultural Festival (August 4th, 5th and 6th, 2023).

#### 6. Resolution for Support: Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) – Requesting Municipal and School Board Election Day to be a Professional Activity (PA) Day across Ontario

**That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO); and

**Whereas** Municipal and School Board Elections are held once every four years as outlined in the *Municipal Elections Act*; and

**Whereas** AMCTO has been calling for a mandatory PA Days on election day for years since 2017 and Minister Lecce asked school boards to consider recognizing the election date; and

**Whereas** over 60% of school boards scheduled a Professional Activity (PA) Day on the 2022 Municipal and School Board election day, up 25% from the 2018 election;

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports AMCTO's request that the Province of Ontario designate Election Day in Municipal and School Board Elections as a Professional Activity (PA) Day across Ontario as part of their review of Regulation No. 304; and

**Further That** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education; the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO).



## **Municipal Grants Application**

General Information		Submission	Date:
Name of Organization:	Arnprior-Braeside-McNab Highland Dancing Association		
Street Address:		15 Lenser Rd.	
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S 3G8
Contact Person:	Renee Stewart	Position/Title:	Co-Chair
Telephone:	613 623 4283	Fax Number:	
E-mail:	renstewart40@hotma	il.com	
	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
What is your organization's status?		$\checkmark$	
Authorization:	I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of Arnprior-Braeside-McNab H.D.A. [insert name of organization] [signature] June 25, 2023 [date]		Name (print): Renee Stewart Position/Title: Co-Chair Phone: 613 623 4283
Please provide project/event date(s) or any relevant timelines related to this request.			
Sun., Aug. 27/23			



Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Partnership) ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Single) ( <b>complete Part A</b> )	$\checkmark$	<ul> <li>Cost of use of Robert Simpson Park, use and delivery, set-up, tear-down of stages, sound equipment, tables, chairs</li> <li>Back-up use of Nick Smith Centre hall as a rain venue</li> </ul>
Festivals and Events Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B)</b>		



## **Part A** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

Organization/Grant Information		
What is the function of your organiz	ation (mandate/key objections)?	
* To organize and facilitate a highlar highland dance community since 20	nd dance competition in memory of Caitlin Stewart for the local 00	
* To foster Scottish heritage & provid	de community entertainment	
Please provide an overview of the s	service, program or event being supported with this funding.	
* A highland competition is organize	d annually for over 100 competitors	
* Competitors not only come from the Ottawa Valley, but travel from across the province, and in some cases, out-of-province		
Please explain how this service, pro	ogram or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.	
<ul> <li>* financially profits the town with competitors and their families needing accommodation (motels, campgrounds), restaurants, other shopping opportunities</li> <li>* fosters Scottish heritage</li> </ul>		
* provides a day of entertainment outside at Robert Simpson Park for families to enjoy music and dance		
Does your organization use volunteers?	If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.) * 3 in admin (pre-event organization) * 8 day of to run competition	



Please select target population that will benefit from this request.	Age Range:✓Children (Ages 0-12)✓Youth (Ages 13-18)✓Adults (Ages 19-59)✓Seniors (Ages 60+)	Number of participants benefitting from this request:□1-50□51-100✓101-499□500-1000□>1000
Does this request align with the Tov Please explain.	vn of Arnprior's <u>Strategic Plan</u> ,	as determined by Council?
Key Priorities • Economic Development – Attraction, retention and marketing initiatives and economic impact	As described above, financial community through visitors co in need of accommodation, re	ming to the town and they are



<ul> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>	park to enjoy and participa (Dance and live bagpipes t	amilies together for a day at the te in Scottish Cultural heritage from 8:30am to approx 3-4pm) y physically demanding art/sport so itors
Has your organization received	If yes, please provide add	itional details below.
support from the Town of Arnprior in previous years?	Dollar (\$) value received:	Approximately \$500
Yes 🖌 No	Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for: Type of grant support received:	Caitlin Stewart Memorial Highland Dancing Competition run since 2000. * Cost of use of Robert Simpson Park, use and delivery, set-up, Support Funding In-Kind Support In-Kind Partnership Festival and Event Support Funding
	Was Town staff support provided? If yes, in what capacity?	Yes * Delivery, set-up of stages day before competition * Set up of sound equipment day of * Delivery of sound equipment, tables & chairs day of * Tear-down of stages, sound



If this submission/request differs from previous year(s), please describe the difference?
N/A



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Town of Arnprior 105 Elgin Street West Arnprior, ON. K7S 0A8 613-623-4231

## **Municipal Grants Application**

General Information	Submission Date: June 22/23		
Name of Organization:	Community Living Renfrew County South		
Street Address:	106	McGonigal St. We	st Unit 100
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S 0E1
Contact Person:	Sarah Groulx	Position/Title:	Support Worker 2
Telephone:	6136234955	Fax Number:	
E-mail:	sgroulx@clrcs.com		
What is your anneating the	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
What is your organization's status?		<b>~</b>	
Authorization:	I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of <u>Computed Unit</u> [insert name of organization] [insert name of organization] [signature] <u>Ture. 27 b3</u> [date]		Name (print): <u>Ina</u> <u>Maclaren</u> Position/Title: <u>Marax</u> Phone: 613-623-4955
Please provide project/event August 24, 2023 1- 3pm	date(s) or any relevan	t timelines related to	o this request.



Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Partnership) ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Single) ( <b>complete Part A</b> )		Use of the electrical and Gazebo at Robert Simpson Park for a 1 hour music performance. we would ask for the rental from 1pm until 3pm with music from 1: 30-2:30. Community Living would be the host with support of a grant ( paying the performaners) from L'Arche Arnprior.
Festivals and Events Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		



## **<u>Part A</u>** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

### **Organization/Grant Information**

What is the function of your organization (mandate/key objections)?

working with others to improve the quality of life for people with developental disabilities

Please provide an overview of the service, program or event being supported with this funding. Music in the park afternoon hosted by Community Living with support of a grant from L'Arche Arnprior for the musician. This event would be held in the community to promote inclusion of the individuals we support in the town that they live, volunteer and play in. Hosting this in the park provides an oppunity for everyone in the community to come together for a wonderful afternoon of music.

Please explain how this service, program or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.

This event benefits the town of Arnprior and its residents as most of the residents supported by Community Living Renfrew County South (Arnprior) live in Arnprior, volunteer in Arnprior, shop in Arnprior.

Community Living would also advertise this event as open to everyone to join us for an afternoon of music in the beautiful Robert Simpson Park in hopes of promoting an all inclusive event.

Does your organization use volunteers?	If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.) None would be required for this event.
Yes No 🖌	



Please select target population that will benefit from this request.	Age Range:	Number of participants benefitting from this
	Children (Ages 0-12)	request: ✔ 1-50
	Adults (Ages 19-59)	51-100 101-499 500-1000
		>1000
Does this request align with the Tow Please explain.	vn of Arnprior's <u>Strategic Plan</u> ,	as determined by Council?
Key Priorities • Economic Development – Attraction, retention and marketing initiatives and economic impact		



<ul> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>	Yes. it does. I think this fits under the priorities listed for this year under Community Well Being. We are an orgranization trying to not only promote inclusion within the town our individuals live in but also create oppurunities for activities during the week that are geared towards all ages and abilities.	
Has your organization received	If yes, please provide addi	tional details below.
support from the Town of Arnprior in previous years?	Dollar (\$) value received:	
Yes No 🖌	Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for:	
	Type of grant support received:	<ul> <li>Support Funding</li> <li>In-Kind Support</li> <li>In-Kind Partnership</li> <li>Festival and Event Support Funding</li> </ul>
	Was Town staff support provided? If yes, in what capacity?	



If this submission/request differs from previous year(s), please describe the difference?



## Municipal Grants Application

General Information		Submissio	n Date: June 2823
Name of Organization:	Community Living Renfrew County South		
Street Address:	106	McGonigal St. Wes	st Unit 100
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S 0E1
Contact Person:	Sarah Groulx	Position/Title:	Support Worker 2
Telephone:	6136234955	Fax Number:	
E-mail:	sgroulx@clrcs.com	<b>1</b> 2019 10 27 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019 2019	
What is your superinsticution?	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
What is your organization's status?		•	
Authorization:	I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of Commune [insert name of organization] (June [signature] June [date]		Name (print): Tha Macloren Position/Title: Marayer Phone:
Please provide project/event	date(s) or any relevan	t timelines related to	o this request.
August 31, 2023 1- 3pm			



Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Partnership) ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Single) ( <b>complete Part A</b> )		Use of the electrical and Gazebo at Robert Simpson Park for a 1 hour music performance. we would ask for the rental from 1pm until 3pm with music from 1: 30-2:30. Community Living would be the host with support of a grant ( paying the performance) from L'Arche Arnprior.
Festivals and Events Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B)</b>		



## **<u>Part A</u>** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

**Organization/Grant Information** 

What is the function of your organization (mandate/key objections)?

working with others to improve the quality of life for people with developental disabilities

Please provide an overview of the service, program or event being supported with this funding. Music in the park afternoon hosted by Community Living with support of a grant from L'Arche Arnprior for the musician. This event would be held in the community to promote inclusion of the individuals we support in the town that they live, volunteer and play in. Hosting this in the park provides an oppunity for everyone in the community to come together for a wonderful afternoon of music.

Please explain how this service, program or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.

This event benefits the town of Arnprior and its residents as most of the residents supported by Community Living Renfrew County South (Arnprior) live in Arnprior, volunteer in Arnprior, shop in Arnprior.

Community Living would also advertise this event as open to everyone to join us for an afternoon of music in the beautiful Robert Simpson Park in hopes of promoting an all inclusive event.

Does your organization use volunteers?	If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.) None would be required for this event.
Yes No 🖌	



Children (Ages 0-12)		
<ul> <li>Youth (Ages 13-18)</li> <li>Adults (Ages 19-59)</li> <li>Seniors (Ages 60+)</li> </ul>		1-50 51-100 101-499 500-1000 >1000
f Arnprior's <u>Strategic Plan</u> ,	as determined	by Council?
	Adults (Ages 19-59) Seniors (Ages 60+)	Adults (Ages 19-59)



<ul> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>	Yes. it does. I think this fits under the priorities listed for this year under Community Well Being. We are an orgranization trying to not only promote inclusion within the town our individuals live in but also create oppurunities for activities during the week that are geared towards all ages and abilities.	
Has your organization received	If yes, please provide addi	itional details below.
support from the Town of Arnprior in previous years?	Dollar (\$) value received:	
Yes No 🖌	Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for:	
	Type of grant support received:	<ul> <li>Support Funding</li> <li>In-Kind Support</li> <li>In-Kind Partnership</li> <li>Festival and Event Support Funding</li> </ul>
	Was Town staff support provided? If yes, in what capacity?	



If this submission/request differs from previous year(s), please describe the difference?



## **Municipal Grants Application**

General Information		Submission	Date: 2023-06-29
Name of Organization:	Gateway Church		
Street Address:		128 Mary Street	-
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S1E6
Contact Person:	Jeff O'Brien	Position/Title:	Assistant Pastor
Telephone:	343-574-6494	Fax Number:	
E-mail:	jeff@gatewaychurch.	ca	
	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
What is your organization's status?		$\checkmark$	
Authorization:	I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of Gateway Church [insert name of organization] Digitally signed by Jeff O'Brien Date: 2023.06.29 14:34:10 -04:00' [signature] 2023-036-29 [date]		Name (print): Jeff O'Brien Position/Title: Assistant Pastor Phone: 343-574-6494
Please provide project/event date(s) or any relevant timelines related to this request.			
Use of Robert Simpson Gaze morning church service.	ebo on Sunday, Augus	t 6 from 10AM to 11:1	5AM for a Sunday



Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Partnership) ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Single) ( <b>complete Part A</b> )	$\checkmark$	Sunday morning church service
Festivals and Events Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B)</b>		



## **Part A** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

Organization/Grant Information			
What is the function of your organization (mandate/key objections)?			
Local Church			
Please provide an overview of the s	service, program or event being supported with this funding.		
Local church service outside and the	en afterwards a baptism down by the water.		
Please explain how this service, pro	ogram or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.		
	gram of event benefits the rown of Amphor and its residents.		
Free church service in the park for a	anyone to participate (music and a message)		
Does your organization use	If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what		
volunteers?	capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.)		
	Volunteers help in church functions such as administration,		
Yes No 🗸	Sunday school, outreach community events, etc.		



Please select target population that will benefit from this request.	Age Range:Image:Children (Ages 0-12)Image:Youth (Ages 13-18)Image:Adults (Ages 19-59)Image:Seniors (Ages 60+)	Number of participants benefitting from this request:1-5051-100101-499500-1000>1000
Does this request align with the Tov Please explain.	vn of Arnprior's <u>Strategic Plan</u> ,	as determined by Council?
Key Priorities • Economic Development – Attraction, retention and marketing initiatives and economic impact		



<ul> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>	Community Wellbeing: Inspirational Music and Messages	
Has your organization received support from the Town of Arnprior	If yes, please provide add	itional details below.
in previous years?	Dollar (\$) value received:	
Yes 📄 No 🖌	Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for:	
	Type of grant support received:	<ul> <li>Support Funding</li> <li>In-Kind Support</li> <li>In-Kind Partnership</li> <li>Festival and Event Support Funding</li> </ul>
	Was Town staff support provided? If yes, in what capacity?	



If this submission/request differs from previous year(s), please describe the difference?



## **Municipal Grants Application**

General Information		Submission	Date:
Name of Organization:	Arnprior Agricultural Society		
Street Address:	Box 363		
City/Town:	Arnprior	Postal Code:	K7S 3L9
Contact Person:	Stacy Howard	Position/Title:	General Manager
Telephone:	613-229-2190	Fax Number:	
E-mail:	valleyagfestival@gmail.com		
	Charitable	Not-for-profit	Other
What is your organization's status?		$\checkmark$	
Authorization:	I declare that I am authorized to sign this grant request on behalf of Arnprior Agricultural Society [insert name of organization] Stacy Howard Digitally signed by Stacy Howard Date: 2023.07.03 20:38:53 -04'00' [signature]		Name (print): Stacy Howard Position/Title: General Manager Phone: 613-229-2190
Please provide project/event date(s) or any relevant timelines related to this request.			
Valley Ag Festival Dates: August 4th, 5th & 6th Set up date: July 31, 2023	, 2023		



Grant Request	Please check applicable request	Brief description of request (i.e. dollar amount and/or type of in-kind support, staffing requirements)
Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Partnership) ( <b>complete Parts A and B</b> )		
In-Kind Support (Single) ( <b>complete Part A</b> )	V	Picnic tables Bleachers Barricades Dump passes Signage (no parking for Van Dusen)
Festivals and Events Support Funding ( <b>complete Parts A and B)</b>		



## **Part A** (to be completed for all municipal grant requests)

### **Organization/Grant Information**

What is the function of your organization (mandate/key objections)?

The Arnprior Agricultural Society is a non for profit organization with the objective to encourage awareness of agriculture and to promote improvements in the quality of life of persons living in an agricultural community. We do this by holding our annual festival which features agricultural exhibitions and competitions for which prizes may be awarded, researching the needs of the

Please provide an overview of the service, program or event being supported with this funding. The Valley Ag Festival will feature many aspects for the public to enjoy, from livestock shows including the Miniature Horse show, Sheep show, 4-H shows and Heavy Horse Pull and also the Homecraft competitions and the Ag Ed Tent. The family entertainment has Mojo Magic, The Keepers and a special guest along with a new show this year - The Eyrie (a birds of prey show). On the main stage, local host Andy will introduce the many local musical acts and the night time <u>line up</u> We also have the popular Truck and Tractor Pull coming back with a sanctioned show Please explain how this service, program or event benefits the Town of Arnprior and its residents.

These activities bring spectators and exhibitors from both in town and out of town. These people are purchasing gas, food and possibly lodging as well as shopping the local merchants. The VSP morning provides our local special needs community with the opportunity to enjoy the festival on their own terms.

Does your organization use volunteers?	If yes, how many volunteers are involved and in what capacity? (e.g. administration, service level, etc.)
Yes 🖌 No 🗌	50+ volunteers
	The Arnprior Ag Society is governed by a volunteer board of directors year round.
	During the Festival, volunteers are needed for set up, festival



Please select target population that will benefit from this request.	Age Range:✓Children (Ages 0-12)✓Youth (Ages 13-18)✓Adults (Ages 19-59)✓Seniors (Ages 60+)	Number of participants benefitting from this request: 1-50 51-100 101-499 500-1000 ✓ >1000
Does this request align with the Tow Please explain.		
<ul> <li><u>Key Priorities</u></li> <li>Economic Development – Attraction, retention and marketing initiatives and economic impact</li> </ul>	in every day life. This is how v	ty is by offering shows not seen we will be marketing our festival interest in attending will grow



<ul> <li>Community Well Being – Community support, arts and culture, recreational and leisure, health and well being support initiatives</li> </ul>	This request will align directly with the Community Well-Being aspect of the strategic plan. By offering culture that this community may not see every day and educating the general public in a respectful manner what everyday life is like on an agricultural operation. We also hope to entertain the community with local musical acts and shows for the whole family.		
Has your organization received	If yes, please provide additional details below.		
support from the Town of Arnprior in previous years?	Dollar (\$) value received:		
Yes 🖌 No 🗌	Service/ Program/ Festival/ Event grant support was received for:	Valley Agricultural Festival	
	Type of grant support received:	<ul> <li>Support Funding</li> <li>In-Kind Support</li> <li>In-Kind Partnership</li> <li>Festival and Event Support Funding</li> </ul>	
	Was Town staff support provided? If yes, in what capacity?	Yes For the delivery and pick up of the tables and bleachers and also for putting up the signage.	



If this submission/request differs from previous year(s), please describe the difference?



June 20, 2023

sent via regulatory registry portal

Ministry of Education 315 Front St. W. 9th Floor Toronto, ON M5V 2A4

Dear Ministry Staff,

I am writing on behalf of <u>Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of</u> <u>Ontario (AMCTO)</u> in reply to your ministry's regulatory registry posting 23-EDU006 regarding a proposal to amend Regulation 304 under the *Education Act,1990*.

AMCTO represents excellence in local government management and leadership. With over 2,200 municipal managers and professionals (e.g., CAOs, Clerks, Treasurers and Management) members covering all of Ontario's municipalities, we are Ontario's largest voluntary association of local government professionals and are recognized as an influential voice on key management and legislative issues affecting the sector.

For 85 years, AMCTO has maintained a productive relationship with government by helping ensure the professional expertise and local understanding of our members is utilized to improve existing and/or new legislation, policy and programs.

Given that the ministry intends to amend Regulation 304 because of the Better Schools and Student Outcomes Act, 2023, it is the perfect time to include an additional provision of the regulation to mandate that school boards schedule a Professional Activity (PA) day on municipal and school board election day, consistent with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996,* every four years.

As the ministry is aware, our municipal clerk members as election administrators and their municipal councils have been pushing school boards to do this voluntarily every four years. While clerks have had some success, there has been little consistency and this support isn't province wide. AMCTO has been calling for a mandatory PA Days on election day for years and since 2017 has engaged school trustee associations on this issue with little success. In 2021, we supported our members' efforts making it a major project to again engage the trustees' associations and school boards directly. We also wrote to Minister Lecce and delegated with then Education Parliamentary Assistant Oosterhoff at the ROMA Conference.

We appreciated that the minister and the deputy minister wrote memos to school boards encouraging them to schedule a PA Day on municipal and school board election day. On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, we wrote to Minister Lecce extending our thanks for his support.



Our analysis of 2022-2023 school year calendars based on available data showed that there was a 25% increase in the number of school boards holding a PA Day in 2018 to 64% of school boards doing so in 2022.

This was great news though there is still room for improvement. This exercise demonstrated that Provincial assistance helped us in achieving this outcome. There remains resistance in scheduling a PA Day even though many schools schedule them in the same week as election day just on a different day. Schools provide voters with large, centrally located, and accessible location to cast their votes for their school board and municipal representatives while enhancing the principle of safe schools for both students and teachers by reducing the number of people in the school and ensues public health promotion and protection through more adequate physical distancing.

You will recall that municipalities whose clerks are responsible for running the elections for local school boards run the regular election at the cost of the municipality but at no cost to school boards. And yet, it remains difficult to receive cooperation from them when our members run the election for their trustees.

We believe that this is a small ask with a large and important purpose: our members rely on access to schools and facilities staff to provide voters with sufficient and easy-to-access voting locations.

As the ministry intends to amend Regulation 304 anyway, we would strongly encourage you to include a requirement for school boards to schedule a mandatory PA Day on municipal election and school board election day consistent with the Municipal Elections Act.

To discuss this further, please reach out to David Arbuckle, Executive Director (darbuckle@amcto.com), who would be happy to arrange a meeting with you.

Sincerely,

[Originally signed]

Stephen O'Brien, AOMC President, AMCTO

Cc: via email

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education Deputy Minister Kate Manson-Smith Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Deputy Minister Martha Greenberg Colin Best, AMO President

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Ministry of Education 315 Front St. W. 9th Floor Toronto, ON M5V 2A4

Dear Ministry Staff,

I am writing in strong support of the <u>Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and</u> <u>Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)</u>'s recent submission to Regulatory Registry Proposal 23-EDU006, regarding proposed amendments to Regulation 304 under the *Education Act, 1990.* 

As a municipal Clerk with **[Insert municipality]**, I am responsible for planning, administering and executing municipal and school board elections every four years. A consistent challenge for my fellow clerks has been in securing large, central and accessible voting locations for these elections. Often the facility that checks off these boxes is the local school.

However, there are often challenges in securing the use of a gymnasium or other space in schools because of the valid concerns around school and student safety. That is why clerks have tried to work with all four school boards encouraging them to schedule in advance a Professional Activity (PA) Day on municipal and school board election day every four years. AMCTO has also engaged the trustees associations, the school boards themselves, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and your ministry on this critical ask.

As AMCTO noted in their submission, with the encouragement of your ministry, we saw an increase in the number of school boards scheduling a PA Day for 2022 and we thank you for your assistance. However, there were still a number who did not do so and it is not an efficient use of municipal clerks time to try to make these arrangements every election cycle, planning for which will commence in just two years time especially when we have a number of other legislative, regulatory and operational duties to see to, including supporting our municipal councils.

As a municipal clerk responsible for running the regular elections for local school boards and at the cost of the municipality but no cost to school boards, we believe that this is a small ask with a large and important purpose.

As the ministry intends to amend Regulation 304 anyway, we would strongly encourage you to include a requirement for school boards to schedule a mandatory PA Day on municipal election and school board election day consistent with the Municipal Elections Act.

We would ask that you work with AMCTO to develop the language for the regulation and ensuring school boards and school leadership teams support municipalities who run their trustee elections.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

### [Insert name, title and municipality]

Cc: via email

Hon. Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Stephen O'Brien, AMCTO President