



ARNPRIOR

**Minutes of Council Meeting  
August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 Cloutier  
Councillor Tom Burnette  
Councillor Chris Toner  
Councillor Billy Denault  
Councillor Chris Couper

**Council Members Present (Electronic):**

**Council Members Absent:**

**Town Staff Present**

Robin Paquette, CAO  
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer  
John Steckly, GM, Operations  
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief  
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief  
Lindsay Wilson, MEDO  
Patrick Foley, Eng. Officer, Facilities & Assets  
Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk  
Oliver Jacob, A/ Deputy 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.

**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 270-23  
Moved by Lynn Cloutier  
Seconded by Chris Couper

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

## 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

I, Chris Couper, declare a pecuniary interest on items 12(c) and 15 (a) v. on the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration as I live close to the subject lands.

I, Billy Denault, declare a pecuniary interest on item 12(d) on the August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council agenda. I am making this declaration as I have a professional relationship with the applicant.

## 6. Question Period

None

## 7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 271-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

**That** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) (b) and (c) on the Agenda be adopted.

Resolution Carried

## 8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

## 9. Public Meetings

Resolution Number 272-23 (6:34 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

**That** Council move into a public meeting to inform the public of the proposed Notice of Application for Official Plan Amendment OPA #6 and Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBL-1/23.

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee called the public meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. The CAO introduced the planning consultant, Jamie Batchelor of JL Richards & Associates Ltd. who provided an overview of the proposed amendments as follows:

- Official Plan Amendment #6 - Site Specific Amendments to add retirement home consisting of a mix of townhouse and apartment dwellings (maximum height – 4 storeys) as permitted.
- Zoning By-law Amendment 1/23 - Site Specific Amendments to add retirement home as a permitted use in addition to all uses permitted in the MU-CE Zone, as well as to reduce the minimum rear yard to 7.5 m and the minimum bicycle parking to 6 bicycle parking spaces.

One written comment was received from the Ministry of Transportation, and they did not have any specific objections to the proposal, but they would request a 14m set back from their property line and that the development would be subject to their permit control area requirements.

One member of the public, Tom Orr, 580 White Lake Rd, commented that if the town were to grant permission for the amendments from commercial to residential, the Town could anticipate others approaching the town with the same request and that Council should consider that, with growth occurring in the town, we will need to have commercial space to expand.

Resolution Number 273-23 (6:51 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) Amend Open Air Burning By-Law No. 6974-19**

Resolution Number 274-23  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** Council adopts a by-law to amend Subsection (3)(a) of By-law 6974-19 requiring landowners to obtain permits for recreational open air burning fires on private and public property.

Resolution Carried

##### **b) Community Improvement Grant (114 John Street North)**

Resolution Number 275-23  
Moved by Billy Denault  
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

**That** Council enact a by-law to enter into Agreements with Chantal Beaulieu, Lyndsey Cunningham, and Nathan Scott for Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Financial Incentive Grants under the Signage Improvement Program for each unit at 114 John Street North in an amount of up to \$1,500 (\$500 each) to be funded from the CIP Grants operating account.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper left the Council table at 6:59 PM.

**c) Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 2/23 (Phase 4 – Marshall’s Bay Meadows)**

Resolution Number 276-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

**That** Council receives an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for the Marshall’s Bay Meadows Subdivision Phase 4 Block 148 lands from R3\*41 to R4\*28 and to amend the remainder of Phase 5 lands from Future Development (FD) to R4\*28, R4\*42, R3\*41, R3 and OS.

**That** pursuant to Section 34 (12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on Monday, September 25th, 2023, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper returned to the Council table at 7:03 PM.

Councillor Denault left the Council table at 7:04 PM.

**d) Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 3/23 (128 Mary Street)**

Resolution Number 277-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council receives an application for amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for 128 Mary Street to amend Exception 19 to allow for a multiple dwelling residential use subject to the provisions of the R2 zone and subject to a holding provision restricting the number of multiple dwelling units to three (3) until a servicing brief/report is provided in support of any further development;

**And That** pursuant to Section 34 (12) of the Planning Act, Council hold a public meeting on Monday, September 25th, 2023, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Denault returned to the Council table at 7:06 PM.

**e) Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 4/23 (375 Daniel Street South)**

Resolution Number 278-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** Council receives an application for an amendment to Zoning By-law 6875-18 for

Arnprior Shopping Centre at 375 Daniel Street to rezone the subject property from “Mixed Use Commercial/Employment (MU-CE)” to “Mixed Use Commercial/Employment Exception X (MU-CE\*XX)”.

**That** pursuant to Section 34 (12) of the Planning Act, Council holds a public meeting on Monday, September 25th, 2023, regarding the proposed amendment, to allow for public review and comment.

Resolution Carried

Mayor Lisa McGee left the Council table at 7:08 PM and returned at 7:10 PM.

- f) Clearwell Design Award**  
Resolution Number 279-23  
Moved by Billy Denault  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council enact a by-law to:

- (a) Award the Water Filtration Plant Clearwell #1 Replacement Design project to Stantec Consulting Limited, for a total of \$175,339.34 (plus HST) under the existing Standing Offer agreement; and
- (b) Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements, and related documents with Stantec Consulting Limited to complete the project as per the defined scope of work.

Resolution Carried

- g) Proclamation – Terry Fox Day (September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023)**  
Resolution Number 280-23  
Moved by Lynn Cloutier  
Seconded by Chris Toner

**Whereas** the Terry Fox Run is inspired by a dream as big as our country, which began in 1980 with Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope. The run is now entirely volunteer driven, and grounded in traditions with events held annually around the world to foster research in the fight against cancer; and

**Whereas** it has become a tradition in Canada to gather friends and family to participate in a volunteer fundraiser to raise public awareness and financial support for cancer research; and

**Whereas** we recognize the importance of cancer research as part of the aims and objectives of the Terry Fox Run on behalf of the people of Canada, of the Province of Ontario, and of the Town of Arnprior; and

**Whereas** Terry once said “Anything is possible if you try.” He was an innovator, attempting to run across Canada on one leg on a humanitarian mission we had never seen before; and

**Whereas** our local residents have taken the initiative to organize a Terry Fox Run for the past 41 years, since 1982; and

**Whereas** a Flag Raising Ceremony for Terry Fox Day will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023, prior to the event to raise further awareness for the Terry Fox Run being held at Robert Simpson Park on Sunday, September 17, 2023.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** the Council of Arnprior does hereby proclaim September 17, 2023 as “**Terry Fox Day**” in the Town of Arnprior and call upon all residents to participate in the Terry Fox Run to raise money for cancer research.

Resolution Carried

### **13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes**

#### **a) Mayors Report**

The Mayor will present Council with her update at the next meeting of council.

#### **b) County Councillor’s Report**

County Councillor Lynch updated Council on matters covered in the County Council session.

- The Development and Property Committee recommended the Request for Proposal DP-2023-01 for the Climate Change Action Plan be awarded to Ainsworth Inc., Toronto, Ontario in the amount of \$72,522 plus applicable taxes.
- Renfrew County Housing Corporation Property – Arnprior  
The Development and Property Committee directed county staff to review opportunities with housing providers for the use of County of Renfrew and Renfrew County Housing Corporation owned lands and bring back to Committee for updates and considerations.
- Algonquin Trail Park Area – Arnprior  
The Development and Property Committee granted approval to the Town of Arnprior to erect signage and additional trees along the Algonquin Trail for the purpose of identifying the Town’s business centre and a park; and that the park name “Arnprior Station” be approved.

- Taste of the Valley Vendor – Upcoming event dates include:
  - Calabogie – September 9th
  - Deep River – September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Cobden – October 14<sup>th</sup>
  - Pembroke – December 16<sup>th</sup>
  - All events are held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. More information is available at [www.TOTV.ca](http://www.TOTV.ca)
  
- 2023 Visitor Information Centre Program
 

As part of the OVTA's visitor services program, the Association supports 14 visitor information centres (VICs) across Renfrew County to which Arnprior has two (Quality Inn and Museum). Of note, once a year VIC staff go on a road tour to visit tourism sites, so they know first hand what is offered.
  
- Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness Stream
 

The fourth intake period for the Advanced Manufacturing and Innovation Competitiveness Stream is accepting applications until August 31, 2023.
  
- The New Horizons for Seniors Program provides federal grants to organizations wanting to help seniors (aged 55 and older) make a difference in the lives of others, and in their communities. Eligible organizations can apply for funding of up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based. Open to Municipal governments. Organizations can only submit one application per project. Multiple projects may not exceed a total of \$25,000 per organization. Applications close on September 14, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. EST.
  
- Grow Ontario Market Initiative: A Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership (Sustainable CAP) is investing \$6 million to help eligible agri-food businesses and industry organizations expand into domestic and foreign markets. The Grow Ontario Market Initiative is a new, cost-share initiative that helps food and beverage processors, farm businesses and agri-food sector organizations take actions to reach new markets. Initiative, applicants can receive up to 50% cost share for eligible costs, to a maximum of \$60,000 per business for producers and food and beverage processors, and up to \$125,000 for sector organizations.
  
- Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries Supplier Day – September 7, 2023 Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) and the Organization of Canadian Nuclear Industries (OCNI) are hosting a supplier day on September 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at the Chalk River site. The Supplier Day is an opportunity for Renfrew County and MRC Pontiac businesses to connect with members

of Canada's nuclear industry supply chain and learn more about the program of work underway at CNL and the opportunities it could create.

- New Economic Development Business Newsletter: The Economic Development Division is launching a digital quarterly newsletter for the local business community. The goal is to inform, engage and educate the Ottawa Valley business community about government announcements, legislative changes, funding opportunities, market intelligence, research and relevant business information. The newsletter also aims to put a spotlight on the enterprising spirit in Renfrew County by featuring two to three businesses from a variety of sectors in each issue. Businesses are encouraged to complete the content repository form at <https://investrenfrewcounty.ca/BizSpotlight>.
- Rural Economic Development Program Funding Agreement for Rural Community Inclusion Pilot Project: The County of Renfrew was successful in a co-application with the County of Lanark for their Ontario Rural Economic Development (RED) funding application for a Rural Community Inclusion Pilot Project to a maximum of \$131,719.50.
- 2023 Tourism Development Fund: The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has announced the launch of the Tourism Development Fund, formerly known as the Tourism Economic Development and Recovery Fund. The fund offers a matching contribution of up to 50% (maximum of \$25,000) for new tourism projects and experiences, aligning with the project's budget. The application period is now open and applications will be accepted until **September 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.**
- The County's Director of Public Works has accepted an appointment as a Director of CPWA, as well as being the President Elect for 2023-2024 and President 2024-2035.
- Appointment of County Forester to Ontario Professional Foresters Association Council: Lacey Rose, R.P.F. has been nominated by her peers to let her name stand for Vice President of the Ontario Professional Foresters Association.
- As of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre is now located at 80 McGonigal Street West in Arnprior. The new location serves patients who are in need of an assessment and treatment by a paramedic, physician and or a hybrid appointment with a paramedic in person and a physician via video. The central location features two exam rooms, a waiting room, and a staff workspace. 1-844-727-6404.
- The County of Renfrew Deputy Clerk, Rose Gruntz is retiring, with the Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting being her last meeting.

Councillor Couper left the Council table at 7:30 PM and returned at 7:32 PM.



Councillor Denault left the Council table at 7:33 PM and returned at 7:35 PM.

**c) Committee Reports and Minutes**

Councillor Denault presented Council with an update from the Airport Commission meeting.

- Airport Commission hosted a fly-in breakfast debrief at their last meeting.
- Discussions included a commitment to an audit for the year ending on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and associated financials.
- Manager's update was provided concerning a garage expansion and the potential requirements for an Engineer report.
- Military training – nothing further planned at the airport.
- Discussion was had concerning the creation of a user manual for the airport.
- Communication regarding the Xplornet Tower on White Lake Rd.

**14. Correspondence & Petitions**

**a) Correspondence Package – I-23-AUG-14**

Resolution Number 281-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** the Correspondence Package No. I-23-AUG-14 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch gave an update on the information provided in the Information package:

- Page 5 - The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing over \$1.3 million to help improve the resiliency and competitiveness of beekeeper operations in Ontario. The application intake for the Honey Bee Health Initiative will open on September 15, 2023, and will remain open until funding for the initiative is allocated. Up to 50 per cent of the costs of approved projects may be funded under the initiative. Ontario beekeepers with fewer than 50 hives are eligible for up to \$4,500 total on approved projects and beekeepers with more than 50 hives are eligible for up to \$25,000.
- Page 12 - The Ontario government is investing \$8.27 million for new and expanded midwifery services across the province that will connect thousands of families to faster care in their own community. This funding includes \$4.82 million to expand midwifery services in community health centres, hospitals, family health teams and existing midwifery practices, as well as \$3.45 million to support future initiatives put forward by health care providers to expand midwifery services in

their community.

- In response to County Councillor Lynch, the A/Deputy Clerk responded that the information has been shared with the Arnprior Regional Hospital Board, but currently midwifery services are not available.
- Page 15 - Ontario is Expanding Self-Serve Online Vehicle Registration through a Digital Dealership Registration. Now, new and used vehicle sales can be registered online by dealerships and they can register and issue licence plates right from their showroom.
- Page 21 - The Ontario government is investing \$166 million to deliver more legal services online, replacing outdated paper-based procedures. Thomson Reuters has been awarded the contract to deliver the new digital justice platform which will allow court users to: File documents quickly, digitally access court case information, pay fines online, connect virtually to hearings, manage court appearances online, and receive decisions electronically.
- Page 29 - The Ontario government is investing \$5.4 million to design and build three mobile tech classrooms that will travel across the province and teach students and young people about the skilled trades. The new mobile classrooms will be fully operational by the summer of 2024 and will accommodate 150,000 visitors a year.
- Page 42 - The Ontario government is investing \$3.6 million to support three innovative projects to help over 2,200 women and young people in grade 12 across Ontario prepare for meaningful and well-paying careers in the construction trades. To apply: Tradeswomen interested can apply at [www.OBCTradeswomen.com](http://www.OBCTradeswomen.com).
- Page 47 - Ottawa will receive \$10 million from Province to create 53 housing units to support individuals and families experiencing homelessness. As well Smiths Falls will receive over \$1.63 million to create five affordable housing units. No word on money to support housing for Arnprior's homelessness.
- Page 74 - Arnprior is leading the way. Zencity is the community's new hub to share, discuss, and collaborate on creating sustainable solutions for critical issues, challenges, and opportunities across Renfrew County. It allows residents to make their voices heard about projects within their communities. The Town of Arnprior was the first local municipality to embrace the Zencity tool and currently has four projects highlighted on its page – Recreation and Parks Master Plan, Sign By-law Review, Waterfront Trail Design and Caruso and Legion Parks Design.
- Page 101- LAS and the City of Barrie partnering to help more Ontario municipalities improve public safety and slow down motorists through the use of

speed enforcement cameras in designated safety zones.

- In response to County Councillor Lynch regarding opportunities to partnering with LAS to create this public safety enforcement in our community, the CAO responded that staff have met with LAS representative and expressed our interest in this program. Staff will be closely watching Barrie, where they have currently implemented a pilot project.
- Page 106 - The Ontario government is providing one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to help faith based, cultural, 2SLGBTQQIA+, First Nations, Inuit, Métis and Urban Indigenous organizations and communities to enhance or implement measures to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure from hate-motivated incidents. Applications are open for 2023-2024. The deadline to apply: September 12, 11:59 p.m. EDT.
- Page 160 - MPAC On August 16, the Ontario government filed Regulation 261/23 under the Assessment Act to extend the current assessment cycle, and the valuation date of January 1, 2016, through to the end of the 2024 taxation year.
  - In response to Councillor Lynch, the General Manager, Client Services / Treasurer highlighted that the prolonged postponement by the Provincial government of property assessment updates and leaving property at 2016 values, continues to leave municipalities without Current Value Assessment (CVA) revenues, generally used to address inflationary operating pressures. There are concerns with how the continuing gap between assessments and fair market values will impact the future of Ontario's property taxation model.
- Page 156 - In response to Councillor Denault, the CAO indicated that with respect to Net Zero incentives from the provinces, staff will look into possible funding opportunities for any upcoming projects.
- Page 161 - Councillor Couper highlighted the letter received from the Algonquins of Ontario and spoke about the province acknowledging the importance of consulting with aboriginal communities on planning matters that may affect their treaty rights. The Mayor and CAO indicated that they have requested a meeting with the Algonquins of Ontario as offered and are awaiting a response.

**b) Correspondence Package – A-23-AUG-12**

Resolution Number 282-23  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Billy Denaut

**That** the Correspondence Package Number A-23-AUG-12 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 283-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

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

- By-law Number 7411-23 – Amend Open Air Burring By-law (Private Properties)
- By-law Number 7412-23 – CIP Grant – 114 John Street North (Beaulieu)
- By-law Number 7413-23 – CIP Grant – 114 John Street North (Cunningham)
- By-law Number 7414-23 – CIP Grant – 114 John Street North (Scott)
- By-law Number 7416-23 – Clearwell Design Award – Stantec Consulting
- By-law Number 7417-23 – Contract Administration Award – JP2G
- By-law Number 7418-23 – Contribution Agreement with the Province of Ontario (RED Grant)

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper left the Council table at 7:45 PM.

Resolution Number 284-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

**That** the following by-law be and hereby enacted and passed:

- By-law Number 7415-23 – Part Lot Control (Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision – Phase 3)

Resolution Carried

Councillor Couper returned to the Council table at 7:46 PM.

### b) Resolutions

#### i) Request for Support – MFIPPA Changes – Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution Number 285-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

**Whereas** the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990* (MFIPPA) dates back 30 years;

**Whereas** municipalities, including the Town of Arnprior, practice and continue to promote open and transparent government operations, actively disseminate information and routinely disclose public documents upon request outside of the MFIPPA process;

**Whereas** government operations, public expectations, technologies, and legislation surrounding accountability and transparency have dramatically changed and MFIPPA has not advanced in line with these changes;

**Whereas** the creation, storage and utilization of records has changed significantly, and the Town Clerk and the Clerk's Office is now responsible for records and information management programs as prescribed by the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

**Whereas** Ontario Regulation No. 823 under MFIPPA continues to reference antiquated technology and does not adequately provide for cost recovery, and these financial shortfalls are borne by the municipal taxpayer;

**Whereas** the threshold to establish frivolous and/or vexatious requests is unreasonably high and allows for harassment of staff and members of municipal councils, and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

**Whereas** the Act fails to recognize how multiple requests from an individual, shortage of staff resources or the expense of producing a record due to its size, number or physical location does not allow for time extensions to deliver requests and unreasonably affects the operations of the municipality;

**Whereas** the name of the requestor is not permitted to be disclosed to anyone other than the person processing the access request, and this anonymity is used by requesters to abuse the MFIPPA process and does not align with the spirit of openness and transparency embraced by municipalities;

**Whereas** legal professionals use MFIPPA to gain access to information launch litigation against institutions, where other remedies exist;

**Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior requests that the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services review the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act R.S.O. 1990* and consider the following recommendations:

1. That MFIPPA assign the Municipal Clerk, or their designate, to be the Head under the Act;
2. That MFIPPA be updated to address current and emerging technologies;
3. That MFIPPA regulate the need for consistent routine disclosure practices across institutions;

4. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious actions be reviewed, and take into consideration the community and available resources in which it is applied;
5. That the threshold for frivolous and/or vexatious also consider the anonymity of requesters, their abusive nature and language in requests to ensure protection from harassment as provided for in Occupational Health and Safety Act;
6. That the application and scalability of fees be designed to ensure taxpayers are protected from persons abusing the access to information process;
7. That administrative practices implied or required under the Act, including those of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (IPC), be reviewed and modernized;
8. That the integrity of the Act be maintained to protect personal privacy and transparent governments.

Resolution Carried

ii) **Request for Support – Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement – Association of Municipalities of Ontario**

Resolution Number 286-23  
Moved by Chris Couper  
Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

**Whereas** all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace;

**Whereas** municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse;

**Whereas** several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils;

**Whereas** these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

**Whereas** municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour;

**Whereas** municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct;

**Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments;

**Further That** the legislation encompass the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner;
- Prohibiting a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office.

Mayor McGee requested a recorded vote:

Councillor Denault	YES
Councillor Couper	YES
Councillor Toner	YES
Councillor Burnette	YES
Councillor Cloutier	YES
County Councillor Lynch	YES
Mayor McGee	YES

Resolution Carried

## 16. Announcements

Mayor McGee thanked staff and volunteers for a job well done with the Cultural Night Market.

County Councillor Lynch wanted to extend a special thanks to Operations and Recreation staff for the work later in the day taking down tents and setting up for the Sunday Market.

Councillor Toner thanked the 'Tarts and Arts' event for asking him to be a judge. Councillor Toner also extended a thank you to Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives for their Historical Walk of Arnprior held during the Cultural Night Market. Councillor Couper extended a thank you to the event as well. He mentioned that the walk was the largest fundraiser the Archives have had, and it was a great evening.

Councillor Couper also extended a welcome back to school for students and staff next week. He reminded everyone to be safe and asked everyone to be mindful of school buses returning to the roads. Councillor Couper expressed the importance of local news in social media. He asked that residents go to the source for their local news.

Councillor Denault highlighted some of the topics of discussion at the AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario) conference he attended recently in London, Ontario.

**17. Media Questions**

None

**18. Closed Session**

None

**19. Confirmatory By-Law**

Resolution Number 287-23  
Moved by Dan Lynch  
Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** By-law No. 7419-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

**20. Adjournment**

Resolution Number 288-23  
Moved by Lynn Cloutier  
Seconded by Billy Denault  
**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Resolution Carried

**Signatures**



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk