



**Minutes of Council Meeting
September 11th, 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
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Lucas Power, Program and Events
Coordinator
John Steckly, GM Operations
Amy Dean, Environmental Eng. Officer
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief
Cory Nicholas, Deputy Fire Chief
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 289-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, September 11th, 2023 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 290-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

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

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

Before the meeting proceeded, Mayor McGee thanked County Councillor Lynch for suggesting that everyone take a moment to pay our respects to the families impacted by the tragic events of September 11th, 2001.

a) Delegations

i) Foodcycler Municipal Solutions

Jacob Hanlon from Food Cycle Science provided a PowerPoint presentation, followed by a question and answer period. Members of Council thanked Mr. Hanlon for his presentation.

Following the discussion with Mr. Hanlon and staff, the following resolution was brought forward for consideration:

Resolution 291-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That staff draft a Report to Council which outlines possible options to consider prior to 2024 budget deliberations.

Resolution Carried

b) Presentations

i) Fall Recreation Overview

Lucas Power, Program and Events Coordinator provided Council with an overview of the new and returning Fall recreation programming. Some of the items discussed included upcoming events, new and inclusive programming, information pertaining to new partnerships in the community and the JumpStart Youth Club Grant. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

a) Home Fire and Life Safety Program

Resolution Number 292-23

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council receive Staff Report 23-09-11-01, entitled “Home Fire and Life Safety Program, Proactive Outreach Model” as information.

Further That Council adopt a by-law to amend Section 5.0 of the Program to establish a “Public Awareness Campaign” to replace the “Door-to-Door Awareness Campaign”.

Resolution Carried

b) Municipal Grant Request – 2360 Royal Canadian Army

Resolution Number 293-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council waive 100% of the user fees and charges for the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets municipal grant request for the use of the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall on Thursday evenings (from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) on thirty-five (35) dates and for two (2) weekend rentals (Saturday or Sunday) for the period of September 6, 2023 – June 13, 2024 (value \$4,900.00); and

Further That the 2360 Royal Canadian Army Cadets be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured.

Resolution Carried

Councillor Toner left the council table at 7:29 p.m and returned at 7:30 p.m.

Proclamation for Test Your Smoke Alarm Day (September 28th, 2023)

Resolution Number 294-23

Moved By Tom Burnette

Seconded By Dan Lynch

That Council proclaim September 28th, 2023 as “Test Your Smoke Alarm Day” in the Town of Arnprior.

Whereas “Test Your Smoke Alarm Day” marks the first day of action to promote installing and testing working smoke alarms in every home in Ontario;

Whereas in 2022, there were 133 fire fatalities in the Province of Ontario, the largest number of fire-related deaths in 20 years;

Whereas a working smoke alarm has been legally required to be installed on every storey of a residence in Ontario since 2006;

Whereas this new initiative and awareness campaign is led by the Ontario Fire Marshall and supported by the Arnprior Fire Department;

Therefore, the Council of the Town of Arnprior does hereby proclaim September 28th, 2023 as “Test Your Smoke Alarm Day” in the Town of Arnprior and urge all local residents to test the smoke alarms in their residence by pressing the test button, replacing the batteries and making sure that they are in good working order.

Resolution Carried

c) Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week (October 8th to 14th, 2023)

Resolution Number 295-23

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council proclaim October 8th to 14th, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Arnprior

Whereas the Town of Arnprior is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Arnprior; and

Whereas fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

Whereas residents should identify places in their home where fires can start and eliminate those hazards; and

Whereas residents should install working smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

Whereas residents should listen for the sound of the smoke alarm and when it sounds respond by going outside immediately to the designated meeting place; and

Whereas residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

Whereas our first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

Whereas the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention”, works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking;

Therefore, the Council of the Town of Arnprior, does hereby proclaim October 8th to 14th, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week in the Town of Arnprior and urge all residents and visitors to be aware of their surroundings, engage in fire safe practices and support the many public safety activities of the Arnprior Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week and all year long.

Resolution Carried

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayors Report

Mayor McGee reported on the following:

- Mayor McGee attended a number of events this summer in our community. She extended a thank you to staff, residents and visitors for the success of these events.
- Mayor McGee said she received communication from residents this summer concerning: how to proceed with development, while still maintaining the small-town feel; speeding; social services issues; By-law concerns after hours; and recycling.
- Mayor McGee had a meeting with the Warden of the Pontiac, Jane Toller, concerning her interest in creating an energy from waste facility in the Pontiac. The Mayor encouraged Warden Toller to reach out to communities to discuss her vision.
- Mayor McGee attended the Arnprior Regional Health Charity Pull with Councillor Couper and the Terry Fox flag raising ceremony at the Town Hall with Councillor Toner, County Councillor Lynch and staff in attendance.

b) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Lynch reported from the last County Council meeting:

- **Taste of the Valley** - Upcoming event dates include:
Deep River – September 30;
Cobden – October 14; and
Pembroke – December 16.
All events are held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m
- The Warden's Golf Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at the Dragon Fly Golf Course in Renfrew.
- Wednesday, September 6th, County Councillor Lynch participated in the ribbon cutting of the new Science Collaboration Centre at the CNL Campus.
- The County is considering imposing Development Charges. Municipalities have been requested to make comments. Through the Senior Management Team, feedback from the Town has been forwarded to the County.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

None

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-23-SEPT-15

Resolution Number 296-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package No. I-23-SEPT-15 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 26 - The Ontario government is expanding its successful skilled trades career fairs to even more cities with more exhibitors and twice as many participating students. If you are interested in attending a Career Fair one will be held on November 28, 29 at the EY Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive Ottawa, Ontario. Registration deadline is October 23, 2023.
- Page 46 - Municipal Information & Data Analysis System (MIDAS). MIDAS is a web-based tool that provides access to the Financial Information Returns (FIRs) to all Ontario municipalities. Ontario municipal elected officials and staff can contact MIDASAdmin@amo.on.ca for access. In response to County Councillor Lynch, the General Manager of Client Services/Treasurer confirmed we already have access to the MIDAS system as we utilize it for submitting our annual Financial Information Returns.
- Page 46 - The Ontario government is providing one-time grants of up to \$10,000 to ensure community spaces remain safe and secure from hate-motivated incidents. Applications are open for 2023-2024 and the deadline is September 12, 2023. In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO indicated that municipalities are not eligible to apply for this grant. County Councillor Lynch asked staff to communicate information pertaining to these grants with eligible community groups.
- Page 46 - AMO and MISA ON's joint Municipal Cybersecurity 101 Forum returns this fall in time for Cybersecurity Month. This forum will be held virtually on October 12 from 10am to 2pm. In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO confirmed that staff will be attending.

Councillor Billy Denault noted the following items:

- Page 15 – Ontario is investing an additional \$160 million to train workers. If you are looking for a career change, the Ontario government is investing in the Skills Development Fund after a labour shortage and this will help 100,000 workers get free training to meet the needs of employers hiring in their communities.
- Page 32 – Ontario is driving economic growth in rural communities. The Ontario government is investing over \$4.3 million in up to 80 projects across the province through the latest intake of the Rural Economic Development (RED) Program. The RED program supports projects that diversify rural economies, retain skilled workers, and create jobs in local communities.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 297-23

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- By-law Number 7421-23 – Amend By-Law No. 6345-14 (Home Fire and Life Safety Program)

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcements:

- The Galilee Centre of Arnprior will be closing in 2024.
- The Trail Towns Conference will be held on Wednesday, September 13th at the Nick Smith Centre.
- Terry Fox Day is this Sunday, September 17th with the annual fundraising run being held at Robert Simpson Park.

Councillor Denault made the following announcement:

- Councillor Denault and Councillor Cloutier attended the Ontario East Municipal Conference (OEMC) this past week. Economic Development was a hot topic at the conference.

Councillor Cloutier made the following announcement:

- Councillor Cloutier highlighted some of the interesting events at the Ontario East Municipal Conference and updated council that she would have a report on these highlights in the coming weeks.

Councillor Couper made the following announcements:

- Councillor Couper updated Council that we are one week away from the opening of Scott's Shoes downtown. Councillor Couper welcomed the family run business to Arnprior.
- The Arnprior Library is currently closed to address flood damages to the lower level. Library staff are grateful for the support that they have received from the public and staff. The first floor will be re-opening on September 12th however the lower level will remain closed at this time. The Library Facebook page will post all relevant updates.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 298-23 (7:56 p.m.)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council move into a closed session concerning one matter pursuant to Sections 239 (2) (b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss a personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees; advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (Claims Update).

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee called a five-minute recess at 7:56 p.m. and Council resumed in Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

Resolution Number 299-23

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council resume to Open Session. (8:55 p.m.)

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 300-23

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That By-law No. 7422-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 11th, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 301-23

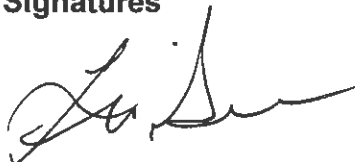
Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk