



**Minutes of Special Council Meeting  
December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 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 Chris Toner  
Councillor Chris Couper  
Councillor Billy Denault

**Town Staff Present**

Robin Paquette, CAO  
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer  
Oliver Jacob, A/Deputy Clerk  
Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk  
Cassidy Marshall, A/Manager of Finance  
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

**Council Members Present (Electronic):**

**Council Members Absent:**

Councillor Tom Burnette

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Lisa McGee called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 6:00 PM and welcomed those present.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called, with all Members of Council being present with the exception of Councillor Burnette.

**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 401-23**

Moved by Lynn Cloutier  
Seconded by Billy Denault

**Be It Resolved That** the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council dated Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as amended.

Resolution Carried

**5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None

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## 6. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

### Presentations – Budget Consultations

#### a) **Arnprior Airport Commission**

Johnny Constantinesco, Chair, Arnprior Airport Commission, provided a presentation attached as Appendix A and forming part of these minutes. The Arnprior Airport Commission requested a \$ 60,000 grant from the Town of Arnprior. The request is a \$5,000 increase from their 2023 ask, to partially offset accounting fees and a revenue shortfall.

#### b) **Arnprior Public Library**

Chief Librarian Karen DeLuca and Library Board member Shane Kramer, provided a presentation, attached as Appendix B and forming part of these minutes. The Arnprior Public Library Board requested 2024 funding in the amount of \$330,515 (up from \$299,453 from 2023) to support staffing increases and increases in audit and insurance fees, and automation fees.

#### c) **Arnprior McNab Braeside Archives**

Brian Gilhuly, Treasurer provided a presentation, attached as Appendix C and forming part of these minutes. Mr. Gilhuly noted AMBA is a community institution established by local volunteers as a non-profit, charitable organization serving the greater Arnprior area. Mr. Gilhuly outlined AMBA's 2023 initiatives and achievements. Arnprior McNab/Braeside Archives requested 2024 funding in the amount of \$26,225 which is a decrease of \$6,275 from \$32,500 in 2023 funding. The decrease is due to a 2023 surplus from the vacant staffing position.

#### d) **Seniors Active Living Centre**

Leah Levesque, President and CEO and Jeff Letourneau, VP Finance, Support Services and CFO of Arnprior Regional Health provided a presentation on Arnprior Regional Health's Seniors Active Living Centre. The centre offers social, cultural, learning and recreational programs for seniors that promote health, well-being and social connection, attached as Appendix D and forming part of these minutes. Arnprior Regional Health requested in-kind funding of \$7,500 for services at the Nick Smith Centre and grant funding in the amount of \$12,500 for a total ask equal to the 2023 request of \$20,000.

#### e) **Physician Recruitment Committee**

Mark Nibourg, Chair of the Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee explained Arnprior & Area Physician Recruitment Committee is a collaborative community effort between the Town of Arnprior, Township of McNab/Braeside, Arnprior Regional Health and the Arnprior Family Health Team dedicated to ensuring that every local resident has access to a local family physician. Mr. Nibourg provided a presentation outlining the past year's initiatives and achievements of the Physician Recruitment Committee, attached as Appendix E and forming part of these minutes. The Physician Recruitment Committee requested \$20,000 from the Town of Arnprior. The request is the same amount the Committee requested in 2023.

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**f) Arnprior Regional Health Foundation**

Ben Gardiner, Executive Director of Arnprior Regional Health Foundation provided a presentation, attached as Appendix F and forming part of these minutes. Arnprior Regional Health requested \$150,000 over three (3) years (\$50,000 / year) from the Town of Arnprior for their CT Scan Project. Arnprior Regional Health requested the same \$50,000 per year in 2023.

**g) Other Public Feedback**

Feedback from members of the public provided to staff or through the Town website feedback form was provided to members of Council, attached as Appendix G and forming part of these minutes.

**7. Confirmatory By-Law**

**Resolution Number 402-23**

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

**That** By-law No. 7446-23 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 6th, 2023 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

**8. Adjournment**

**Resolution Number 403-23**

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Resolution Carried

**Signatures**



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk