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**Minutes of Council Meeting
January 8th, 2024 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 Chris Couper
Councillor Billy Denault

Council Members Present (Electronic):

Council Members Absent:

Town Staff Present

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, GMCS / Treasurer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation
Shelley Mackenzie, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Client Services Coordinator
Lucas Power, Recreation Coordinator
John Steckly, GM Operations
Cassidy Marshall, A/Manager of Finance

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 001-24

Moved by Chris Couper
Seconded by Dan Lynch

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, January 8th, 2024 be adopted as amended to include a housekeeping amendment to By-law 7453-24 (Advisory Committee Terms of Reference), a new By-law 7454-24 (Edey Street Road Allowance), as well as an amended Confirmatory By-law number to be 7455-24.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 002-24

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

a) Presentations

i) Employee Award of Excellence

Council presented the Employee Award of Excellence to Lucas Power, Recreation Coordinator for the Town of Arnprior. Mayor McGee highlighted many of the achievements and the ways that Lucas has enriched the Town.

ii) Tabling of the Draft 2024 Budget and Long Range Capital Forecast, General Manager Client Services, Treasurer

The General Manager, Client Services / Treasurer, provided a PowerPoint presentation, attached as Appendix A and forming a part of these minutes, outlining the 2024 Draft Budget. A question and answer period ensued. The CAO concluded the budget presentation and confirmed that budget deliberations will take place on Monday February 5th, 2024 and Tuesday February 6th, 2024 (if required) at 5:00 PM in Council Chambers.

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

Councillor Couper noted that he will bring forward one (1) Notice of Motion at the January 29th, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council for Council consideration on the following topic:

- a) Ask staff to review the Traffic and Parking By-Law No. 6357-14 (Winter Parking Restrictions).**

12. Staff Reports

a) **Terms of Reference for Advisory Committees and Working Groups**

Resolution Number 003-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council receive report number 24-01-08-01 and adopts the by-law establishing the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee, Environmental Advisory Committee, and the Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee.

Resolution Carried

Mayor McGee received consensus from Council to change the Accessibility Advisory Committee meetings from quarterly to monthly and to include wording in the Terms of Reference to state that the Vice Chair for each Committee shall be a Member of Council.

13. Council Committee Reports and Minutes

a) **Mayor's Report**

None

b) **County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Lynch reported the following:

- On Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024 a meeting was held at the Nick Smith Centre where Arnprior residents expressed traffic and pedestrian safety concerns within the Town of Arnprior, namely Daniel Street. Concerns were received by staff from County of Renfrew; Town of Arnprior, and Ontario Provincial Police. Residents are encouraged to attend future County and Town Transportation Master Plan Public Meetings.

c) **Senior Active Living Centre Report**

Councillor Toner reported the following:

- On December 15th, 2023, Councillor Toner attended the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) meeting. At the meeting, the Committee was updated that membership had reached 357 members.
- SALC is planning a bus trip with 11 other Senior Centres in Renfrew County. Funding will be provided through the Government of Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF).
- Shuffleboard is now being offered at the John A. Gillies Recreation Centre in Braeside. Those interested should contact SALC for dates and times.
- Functional Fitness has become a huge success and SALC is looking to add weekend classes to accommodate the demand.

- At the meeting, two (2) new SALC representatives were selected to join the Advisory Committee.
- The Seniors Active Living Centre is focused on creating more activities to attract men to join SALC and become more active.

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-JAN-01

Resolution Number 004-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-JAN-01 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

Page 3 – The Ministry of Transportation will be undertaking a Pavement Rehabilitation of Highway 417 from Panmure Road to Ottawa Road 29.

Page 11 – The Ontario government is investing an additional \$20.5 million this year to help address the rise of hate incidents against religious and minority groups, particularly amid the recent spike in Antisemitism and Islamophobia. The funding will provide community facilities, including synagogues, mosques, community hubs and Jewish and Muslim schools and childcare centres, with up to \$20,000 to help better protect their spaces from hate-motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism, or other damage. Grant funding can be used for measures such as hiring security staff, surveillance cameras, security assessments, cybersecurity, and building repairs.

Page 17 – Ontario is investing more than \$40.5 million to increase access to pediatric services for children and youth in Eastern Ontario.

Page 30 – The province announced a review of Minister’s Zoning Orders (MZOs) to increase transparency and support government priorities. As a result, the Township of McNab\Braeside has two orders that are affected: [Ontario Regulation 537/21](#) (664 Campbell Drive) and [Ontario Regulation 538/21](#) (2424 Russett Drive).

Page 36 – The Ontario government announced that beginning no later than January 1, 2026, consumers will be able to buy beer, wine, cider, coolers, seltzers, and other low-alcohol ready-to-drink beverages at all participating convenience, grocery, and big box stores across the province.

Page 48 – The Ontario Fire Marshal is conducting an online survey for volunteer Firefighters and Fire Chiefs to inform their understanding on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters. The Arnprior Fire Chief confirmed that Arnprior Firefighters have been encouraged to participate in the survey.

Page 49 – Ontario Recreation Facilities Association (ORFA) Outdoor Ice Symposium is a two-day event taking place January 23-24, 2024, with a focus on the opportunities and challenges of offering outdoor ice-skating experiences for communities. Staff are intending on attending the symposium.

Page 52 – Fleming College is seeking municipal environmental land-use planning and management projects to be implemented by students in the Environmental Land Management program. Contact Emily Markovic to discuss partnership opportunities. Staff will be reaching out to the contact to secure more information.

Page 54 – Infrastructure Canada is now accepting applications for the Planning and Design Projects Stream of the Rural Transit Solutions Fund (up to \$50,000). Visit their website for webinars for potential applicants. Staff have reviewed the application requirements, and the requirements are intended to support transit planning activities to develop new or expanded transit solutions. At this time, we do not have any plans to develop a transit system based on our 2022 Transit Feasibility Study. Staff can look at the funding and see if we could apply for any of our Trails for active transportation.

Councillor Denault noted the following items:

Page 55 – AMO and Asset Management Ontario are working with nearly 100 municipalities and partnerships with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Municipal Asset Management Program. A webinar will be held on January 18th, 2024 to discuss asset hierarchy and data gaps. Staff from the Town of Arnprior are planning to attend the webinar.

b) Correspondence Package – A-24-JAN-01

Resolution Number 005-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the Correspondence Package Number A-24-JAN-01 be received, and the recommendation outlined be brought forward for council consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-Laws

Resolution Number 006-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- i) By-Law Number 7452-24 – Interim Tax Levy
- ii) By-Law Number 7454-24 – To Close Part of Edey Street Road Allowance

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 007-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- i) By-law Number 7453-24 – Advisory Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution Carried as amended

b) Resolutions

Municipal Grants Application – Arnprior Regional Health Foundation (2024 Sock Hop Event)

Resolution Number 008-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier
Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from Arnprior Regional Health Foundation; and

Whereas Arnprior Regional Health Foundation is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and fundraises in support of Arnprior Regional Health which operates the Arnprior and District Memorial Hospital, the Grove Nursing Home and a variety of community programs in the Town of Arnprior;

Whereas the 2024 Sock Hop Event is one of the Foundation's 2024 fundraising events aimed at supporting the CT Scan capital campaign which will allow our local hospital to obtain a CT Scan machine to support local health care needs;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$450.00 plus HST) for the 2024 Sock Hop Event to be held on February 3rd, 2024; and

Further That Arnprior Regional Health 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 event.

Resolution Carried

Municipal Grants Application – Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games (2024 Winter Games Events)

Resolution Number 009-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games; and

Whereas the Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy; and

Whereas the 2024 Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games will provide local seniors with an opportunity to increase their social interaction, support improved physical and mental well-being through participation in recreational activities, and promote active living among local seniors over the age of 55 across Renfrew County; and

Whereas the 2024 Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games will host two events in the Town of Arnprior: 1. Prediction Skating (January 24th, 2024) 2. Bridge (January 31st, 2024);

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Arena and Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$496.00 plus HST) for the 2024 Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games to be held in late January 2024; and

Further That the Renfrew County 55+ Winter Games be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the event.

Resolution Carried

Municipal Grants Application – ontrac Employment Resource Services (2024 Job Fair Event)

Resolution Number 010-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from ontrac Employment Resource Services; and

Whereas the ontrac Employment Resource Services is hosting a Job Fair at the Nick Smith Centre on Thursday, March 21st, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$200.00 plus HST) for the 2024 ontrac Job Fair event to be held on March 21st, 2024; and

Further That the ontrac Employment Resource Services be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for the event.

Resolution Carried

16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- County Councillor Lynch passed along a thank you on behalf of Council and the residents of Arnprior to Reverend Leo Hughes. Rev. Hughes raised approximately \$12,000.00 from the sale of his Coca-Cola collection and donated the amount to the Arnprior Hospital CT Scanner.
- Welcome to Lindsay Lynch who is the new owner of the “Jade & Laney” clothing store in downtown Arnprior, as well as a welcome to Hugo Lefleche from Arrowmech Plumbing.
- The Knights of Columbus and Royal Canadian Legion’s Euchre Challenge starts this Friday, January 12th, 2024 at the Parish Hall. Registration will take start at 6:30 PM with the game starting at 7:00 PM.

Councillor Toner noted the following item:

- Arnprior’s Optimist Winter Carnival kicks off this Friday, January 12th, 2024. The opening ceremony will be taking place before the Jr. B Packer’s game. A movie at the O’Brien Theatre and horse wagon rides will be starting at the Nick Smith Centre. Admission to either event is a Winter Carnival button, available at all events and the Nick Smith Centre lobby. Other events include bowling at

Steelheads and Stripes, events all week long and a dance at the Nick Smith Centre on January 20th, 2024 to wrap up the festivities. All proceeds support local youth in the community. For more information on the Winter Carnival, visit the [Optimist Club of Arnprior Facebook page](#).

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

None

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 011-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That By-law No. 7455-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 8th, 2024 be and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 012-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Deputy Clerk