



**Minutes of Council Meeting  
February 26, 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 Tom Burnette  
Councillor Chris Toner  
Councillor Chris Couper  
Councillor Billy Denault

**Council Members Present (Electronic):**

**Council Members Absent:**

Councillor Lynn Cloutier

**Town Staff Present:**

Robin Paquette, CAO  
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk  
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager,  
Client Services / Treasurer  
Oliver Jacob, Client Services Coordinator

**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, except Councillor Lynn Cloutier.

**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 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 069-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**Be It Resolved That** the amended agenda, for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, February 26, 2024, be adopted.

Resolution Carried

**5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest**

None

**6. Question Period**

None

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

Resolution Number 070-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – February 12, 2024).

Resolution Carried

## 8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

## 9. Public Meetings

None

## 10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

## 11. Notice of Motions

None

## 12. Staff Reports

### a) Review of Council Composition – County Councillor Position - CAO

Resolution Number 071-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** Council receives Report 2024-02-26-01 for information; and

**That** Council directs staff to proceed with a survey of Council members as outlined therein.

Resolution Carried

### b) Development Charges – Redevelopment Program - CAO

Resolution Number 072-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

**That** Council implement a Development Charges Redevelopment Program which increases the timelines to be eligible for a redevelopment credit, from 60 months to 96 months, for redevelopment of non-residential sites who applied for site plan approval and/or building permits after January 1, 2020, but before December 31, 2024.

Resolution Carried

### c) Development Charges Early Payment Agreement – 12 Thomas St. – GM Client Services/Treasurer

Resolution Number 073-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** Council authorize a by-law for the Mayor and Clerk to execute an early payment agreement with Ottawa Valley Developments Inc. for development charges payable for 12 Thomas St, Building #1.

Resolution Carried

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## 13. Committee Reports and Minutes

### a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- I had a meeting with Josie Scott to discuss Library operation and some of their plans moving forward.
- I was able to attend the Ontario Power Generation (OPG) open house at the Nick Smith Centre, where information was presented about their operations and the upcoming freshet, which we all hope will be minimal this year.
- Together with County Councillor Lynch, it was a privilege to host the Mayor of Whitewater Region, Neil Nicholson, and his team, which included former town staff member Deanna Nicholson. Together, we took a tour of the Town of Arnprior's wastewater treatment plant and discussed recreation facilities. It was great to support their request as they undertake research and consider different options for their municipality. Thank you to our GM Operations and his team for setting things up and providing a class A tour as well as answering plenty of questions.
- Last weekend I had the privilege of attending some of the Town's Family Day Events, including skating with Councillor Denault as well as participating in Sledge Hockey, under the guidance of Paralympian Mark Dorian.
- Mayor McGee noted the sad news of the passing of former employee Glenn Arthur, "Archie," "Mr. Arnprior." She noted there was a beautiful celebration of his life, held at the Nick Smith Centre in Glenn Arthur Arena, a fitting sendoff for "Archie's last game." This was a chance to honour him and the Arthur family who shared him with us for so many years. This service was attended by hundreds of people, and the online stream had over 1500 views, a testament to the many lives Glenn touched over his years in our community. Pilon Family Funeral Home delivered a phenomenal tribute, and there was enthusiastic support from so many organizations and from the Town of Arnprior team members to support this service.

When asked to contribute to the event, there was no hesitation from anyone. Most said, "anything for Archie" or "it's the least we could do for a man who did so much." Mayor McGee noted she has never been prouder to be on team Arnprior than she has been over the last ten days. She thanked all staff, organizations, and people, individually, who contributed and provided support. Glenn – GOA – would be so humbled, yet so proud.

### b) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from Renfrew County Council:

- Two delegations presented at the last County Council meeting:
  - Ian Duff, President and Nancy Johnston, Director – Strategic Initiatives, McSweeney & Associates
  - The Council of Canadians Kitchissippi – Ottawa Valley Chapter – Climate Matters!
    - This presentation was emailed to Council and staff for their information.
- Information was provided to the County Council on the Housing Market, including home sales and home values. The following information was provided, specific to the Town of Arnprior:

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## Sales of Homes in Arnprior:

2024	2023	5 Year Average
8	6	12.2

## Value of Homes in Arnprior:

2024	2023	5 Year Average
\$483,425	\$520,000	\$454,910

- Canada Ranked Safest Country in the World for Travelers in 2024.
  - Canada has been named the safest country in the world for travelers in 2024 due to its diversity, inclusivity, and low crime rate, including a low incidence of gun-related crime.
- Summer Company 2024 and Starter Company Plus Enterprise Renfrew County is now actively recruiting for the 2024 edition of the Summer Company and the spring intake session of the Starter Company Plus programs.
  - The Summer Company program, which is open to students aged 15-29 who plan to return to school in the fall, has five seats available. The program provides training and financial support of up to \$3,000 for youth entrepreneurs who successfully run their own business during the summer.
  - Starter Company Plus provides new or existing adult entrepreneurs, who have been in operation for less than five years, with training and support in establishing their business and can compete for a grant up to \$4,000. Virtual information sessions for the spring intake of the Starter Company Plus program are scheduled for April 2 and 4, 2024, with an application deadline of April 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. To receive a program application, interested applicants must participate in an information session.
- Update on the Protection of Black Ash and its Habitat under the Endangered Species Act, 2007
  - A decision has been reached and posted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) on how, as of January 26, 2024, healthy black ash over 8cm at 1.37m diameter at breast height (DBH) are protected under the Endangered Species Act, 2007 (ESA) in the Town of Arnprior. Should any black ash in these areas greater than 8cm DBH require removal, it needs to be assessed by a “qualified professional”. If the tree is deemed “unhealthy,” a report can be submitted, and it can be removed.
    - Note: If the tree is deemed “healthy,” it needs to be protected by a 30m radius reserve.
- The following upgrades took place at the County of Renfrew Building on McGonigal Street in Arnprior:
  - Garage Upgrade to Store Vehicle(s) - \$30,000
  - Garage Oil/Water Separator (floor drain) - \$50,000
  - Security Systems - \$30,941
  - Generator - \$70,000
- In the capacity of Deputy Warden, I attended the “Coldest Night of The Year Walk” in favor of the Grind, which was held last Saturday. Over \$112,000 was raised. Next year the Town of Arnprior can put in a team to participate in this worthy cause.

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## c) Committee Reports and Minutes

Councillor Chris Toner provided a verbal report for information regarding the last Museum Board meeting, noting the following:

- **Community Connections/ Events**
  - The Curator met with staff at the Ottawa Jewish Archives to find out more about Arnprior families - Smolkin, Snow, Rosenburg, and Molot
  - The museum ran a cardboard robot building booth at the Optimist Winter Carnival held at Nick Smith Centre.
  - A committee of Town staff dedicated to operating the Cultural Night Market (CNM) has been meeting and they held a first community-planning meeting for the same event. The CNM call for vendors and performers appeared on the Town's website this month.
  - The Museum hosted and joined the Community Action Arnprior workforce development project to help support diversified, clean economies and partnerships for community-based equitable employment strategies.
  - The museum hosted a Beaver Scout pack for a "Build your own Museum" workshop.
  - The museum is also providing activities for the Recreation Department After School program on Thursday afternoons.
  - The partnership with Mr. Pritchard's 5/6 class and the Indigenous Education department of Renfrew County District School Board is continuing and they have also initiated a new project with a Grade 10 class at ADHS to develop an exhibit on WWI families.
- **Exhibits**
  - A grant proposal was submitted to Hydro One for the Peace Exhibit, and they have forged a connection with the Art Loft to bring Art into this project.
  - There has been some collaboration with a local artist about another art exhibit to feature three area artists on the topic of Community Spirit and the possibility of including a partnership with a local dance company into that work.
- **Collections**
  - The MAP funded digitization project is closing March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. The team have transferred the Past Perfect records to the Argus software and will hold the wrap up meeting soon. There is still quite a lot of work to do before the portal will be publicly accessible, but the team are excited to have almost 7000 community belongings photographed or scanned and eligible for inclusion on the portal.
- **Staffing**
  - Staff applied for 2024 summer camp staff through the Young Canada Works Grant and hope to be successful.
  - The Curator is working with a Willis College Co-op placement student to draft staff training for the museum that would occur in addition to the required municipal HR training.
  - There was also a wonderful Algonquin College co-op placement student working at Museum since January. They have contributed valiantly to administrative, collections, and programming initiatives at the Museum.
- **Organization**
  - The Curator attended a two-day seminar on social media marketing strategies that will be folded into a new social media plan adjusted to the Museum's capacity.
  - The Museum was accepted into another Arts Build mentorship with the Lead of the Creative Champions Network at the Toronto Arts Foundation. The Curator attended one of their workshops to meet sector colleagues and

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explore governance structures. She also met with the new Executive Director of the Ontario Museum Association.

Councillor Chris Toner further provided a verbal report for information regarding the most recent Arnprior and McNab Braeside Archives Board meeting:

- Work is still being completed to repair the damage from the unfortunate flooding.
  - There was a four-door filing cabinet and dehumidifier that were discarded and the archives are hopeful these items will be replaced,
  - The Archives team would like to be kept updated on any news or estimated time of completion dates.
- There was a welcome boost of \$500 in donations from the Canada Helps website.
- McNab/Braeside are continuing to plan for their 200-year anniversary in 2025.
- The archives are still in search of an Archivist. Applications were accepted until February 24th. Shortlisting and interviews will begin soon.
- The Archives applied for the Canada Summer Jobs Grant, to help hire an assistant archivist – 8 weeks, 35 hours/week.
- A New Board was elected with the President position being on a rotational basis, until a new candidate comes forward. The Board consists of Vice President Ed Murphy, Treasurer Brian Gilhuly and Secretary Sara Mackenzie. The Annual General Meeting will be held by the end of June.
  - Irene Robillard the Archives longtime volunteer has stepped down from her role as Board President. The current board members thanked Irene for her dedication and commitment to the archives over the years. Job well done Irene! Thank you.
  - The board also had a new member join, former archivist Emma Carey. She has been accepted onto the AMBA Board. There were also three guests in attendance as observers, before they decided whether to join the board.

## 14. Correspondence & Petitions

### a) Correspondence Package – I-24-Feb-04

Resolution Number 074-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

**That** the Correspondence Package Number I-24-Feb-04 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 3 - The Ontario government is investing up to \$582,000 in Ontario's public libraries this year through the Internet Connectivity Grant program. This will provide Ontarians with reliable access to digital resources and in-demand services at their local public library.
- Page 17 - The Ontario government is keeping costs down for drivers by introducing legislation that would, if passed, ban tolls on provincial highways. Also, to further keep costs down for people, the province is proposing to freeze fees on driver's licence and Ontario Photo Card fees.
- Page 40 – Applications are now open for the Ontario Seniors Community Grant Program. This grant program supports local, not-for-profit community groups and

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organizations with delivering programs and learning opportunities for Ontarians aged 55+.

- In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted the Town will share this information on our website.
- Page 68 – The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced today that its Green Municipal Fund (GMF) is revising its core funding to enhance flexibility and adaptability, as well as maximize its impact with support for Sustainable Municipal Buildings. This funding is being provided for high-efficiency new construction of municipal and community buildings, and more importantly retrofits of municipal buildings.
  - In response to County Councillor Lynch the CAO noted staff is taking a close look at this funding opportunity to see what project would best fit, with the changes in criteria.

Councillor Chris Couper noted the following item:

- Page 22 - Ontario is making it easier to build EV Charging Stations. Starting May 27, 2024, all local utilities will follow a streamlined process for EV charging connections that will make it easier to set up new charging stations and support the adoption of electric vehicles in Ontario.

### 15. By-laws & Resolutions

#### a) By-laws

Resolution Number 075-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

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

- By-law Number 7467-24 – Appoint Advisory Committee Membership
- By-law Number 7468-24 – Appointment to Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee
- By-law Number 7469-24 – Appointment to Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Advisory Committee
- By-law Number 7470-24 – Appointment to Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Detachment Board

Resolution Carried

#### b) Resolutions

##### i. One Year Extension to the Draft Approval of the Baskin Drive Subdivision (49-T-19004)

Resolution Number 076-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded Dan Lynch

**Whereas** Council approved the recommendation for the plan of subdivision proposed by Princiotta Management Inc. in September of 2020 and indicated to the approval authority, the County of Renfrew, that the proposed draft plan of subdivision was not premature, that it met the intent of the Provincial Policy Statements and requesting the conditions of draft approval as outlined in the staff report; and

**Whereas** draft approval was given by the County of Renfrew on January 6, 2021, which had a lapsing date of January 6, 2024, however the County has granted an emergency 3-month extension to April 6, 2024; and

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**Whereas** the applicant, Princiotta Management Inc., has requested that Council provide a resolution in support of a request for extension, as the development is proceeding with the final steps to obtain approval of the Plan of Subdivision.

**Therefore Be It Resolved That** Council supports the request by Princiotta Management Inc. for a one-year extension to the draft approval of the Baskin Drive Draft Plan of Subdivision (47-T-19004) and that this resolution be forwarded to the County of Renfrew for consideration of approval.

Resolution Carried

### 16. Announcements

County Councillor Lynch made the following announcements:

- Another company in Town, Pacific Safety Products, has made the most recent edition of the magazine "Stuff".
- Welcome to a new company in Town, Polar Maxima Facility, operated by Paul Girard. This company is in the same building as Metaligna on Hartney Drive.

### 17. Media Questions

None

### 18. Closed Session

None

### 19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 077-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** By-law No. 7471-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 26, 2024, and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

### 20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 078-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Couper

**That** this meeting of Council be adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Resolution Carried

### Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk