

Town of Arnprior Regular Meeting of Council Agenda Date: Monday, March 11th, 2024 Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers – 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Land Acknowledgement Statement
- 4. Adoption of Agenda (Additions / Deletions)
- 5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest
- 6. Question Period
- 7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) (Except Minutes of Closed Session)
 - a) Regular Meeting of Council February 26th, 2024 (Page 1-8)
- 8. Awards / Delegations / Presentations
 - a) Challenger Baseball, Lucas Power, Program and Events Coordinator (Page 9-19)
 - b) 2023 Museum Update, Emily Stovel, Manager of Culture / Curator (Page 20-30)
 - c) 2023 Fire Department Annual Report, Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief (Page 31-62)

- 9. Public Meetings
 - a) Zoning By-law Amendment ZBL 1/24 (Block 139 Village Creek) (Page 63-79)
- 10. Matters Tabled / Deferred / Unfinished Business
- 11. Notice of Motion(s)
- 12. Staff Reports
 - a) 2023 Building Permit Activity / Delegated Site Plan Approvals, Jacques Benoit, Chief Building Official and Robin Paquette, CAO (Page 80-82)
 - b) Marshall's Bay Meadows Phase 4B Subdivision Agreement, Robin Paquette, CAO (Page 83-87)

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

- a) Mayor's Report
- b) County Councillor's Report
- c) Committee Reports and Minutes

14. Correspondence & Petitions

- a) Correspondence
 - i) Correspondence Package I-24-Mar-05
 - ii) Correspondence Package A-24-Mar-04

15. By-laws & Resolutions

- a) By-laws
- b) Resolution(s)
 - i) Resolution for Support Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) – Municipal Equipment Operator Course (Page 88)
 - ii) Resolution for Support Township of Perry Amend Blue Box Regulation Re: Ineligible Sources (Page 89)
 - iii) Resolution for Support Town of Lincoln Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario (Page 90)

16. Announcements

17. Media Questions

18. Closed Session

One (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* to discuss personal matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Striking Committee – Community Member).

19. Confirmatory By-law

By-law No. 7472-24 to confirm the proceedings of Council

20. Adjournment

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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

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

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:

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.

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 31st, 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

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

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

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

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 Bill 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



Lucas Power Program and Events Coordinator

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Background

T-Ball in Arnprior

- In 2023, the Recreation Department brought T-Ball back as a spring/summer program after years without this program due to COVID-19.
- The 2023 program saw 41 participants between the ages of 4-7 led by Recreation Staff and parentvolunteer coaches.
- The program was very successful with parents already inquiring about 2024 program plans.



Background

Challenger Baseball

- In the fall of 2023, the Recreation Department became aware of a pilot program from the Blue Jays Foundation called Challenger Baseball.
- This program was shared through the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association and the Town of Arnprior submitted an application to be part of the pilot.
- In late 2023, we were notified that we were a successful recipient of the program.



What is it?

- Challenger Baseball is an adaptive baseball or softball program designed to empower individuals living with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.
- This adaptive program is ideal for organizations that are motivated to create introductory sport programs specifically tailored to the needs, strengths and hopes of individuals with disabilities.
- In this program, baseball or softball is used as the vehicle to enhance four main program objectives:
 - connection, courage, independence and love of physical activity.



- We have been selected as one of only 20 communities across Canada that will participate in this pilot program.
- We are participating as a level 1 program which is a short introduction to baseball or softball that gives kids the chance to try the game in a safe environment.
- In future years, as soon as 2025, we will look to advance to a level 2 program which is a longer-term opportunity for kids to play on a baseball/softball team focused on inclusion and belonging.



- The Blue Jays Foundation provides the Recreation Department with:
 - Online training for program leaders
 - Adaptive sports equipment including
 - Balls
 - Bats
 - Tees
 - Gloves
 - Helmets
 - Base sets



- The Challenger Baseball program will be integrated into our existing T-Ball program set to begin in June.
- This is an 8-week program that runs weekly at our Ball Diamonds on McLean Avenue.
- At completion of the program, we will submit a report to the Blue Jays Foundation on the program and use data and feedback to improve each year.



- The cost to register for T-Ball is \$50 for the 8week program.
- Those in need of financial assistance can apply for support from:
 - Canadian Tire Jumpstart
 - Kid Sport
 - Local service groups
- The Recreation Department is able to assist in these support requests and registration help.



Spreading the Word

- Utilizing relationships with community organizations and schools, the Recreation Department will be communicating this program to the specific organizations that program with youth with disability.
- This program will also be shared with our existing clients in our registration database as well as other media channels.



Stay In The Know

How can residents learn more about this?

- Registration will open for all spring programs on March 25.⁻
- A release on the program information and logistics will be posted on our website and be available at the Nick Smith Centre.
- Anyone with questions or concerns are encouraged to contact the Recreation Team at <u>recreation@Arnprior.ca</u> or 613.623.7301
- Information will also be included in the spring edition of Arnprior Life and in the monthly Recreation Newsletter.

Questions?



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2023 Museum Update The Year of "Getting to Know You" Emily Stovel Manager of Culture/Curator Arnprior and District Museum

March 11, 2024



Community Museums

- **Community Museums** collaboratively explore art, science, and history in innovative ways.
- The **Community** can thus leverage past experience to understand the present and plan for the future together.
- This occurs via Exhibits that work with Community Belongings for impactful and transformational storytelling.
- Interactive Programs immerse neighbours in diverse experiences and ways of knowing, challenging received wisdom.
- **Operations**, **Facilities**, and **Staff** allow this transformational process to take place in careful, respectful ways.
- Because of these resources and skills, the Museum is the best hub for **Cultural Planning**.



2023 Overview

Community/Culture

• 2023 involved building relationships and new events (e.g., Noche Latina, Winter Carnival makerspaces) in preparation for initial cultural planning in 2024. We also redeveloped the Cultural Night Market with staff and community volunteer heroism.

Community Belongings

• Four staff members and 10 volunteers photographed and scanned 7,000 community belongings in four storage locations.

Programming

• With three grant-funded summer staff, we built an entirely new full day, full week summer camp, introducing the community to a new type of programming that uses collaborative experimentation.



2023 Overview

- Operations
 - Museum staff underwent new training modules in financial management, data collection, decolonization, and planning in the arts sector. We were integrated into the Perfect Mind software system for camp registration and rentals. We created a new accessibility policy in alignment with Town activities.

Facilities

• The back programming room of the Museum received a new floor and new paint. Rentals and community programs have increased owing to these changes.

• Exhibits

• Our Museum launched a new community exhibit curation and pop-up exhibit processes.

Staffing

• We were able to hire new staff for the Digitization process and to support Programming and Outreach.



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Digitization



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Cultural Night Market





Renovations







Final Considerations

	2022	2023
Visits to the Museum	2829	6882
Volunteer Hours Donated	2445	3659



Moving Forward

- Decolonization Practices
- Cultural Planning and CDAC
- #CultureInArnprior Speaker Series
- Collections Policy and Rehousing
- Website Revision and Argus Launch
- Volunteer working groups
- Cultural Night Market
- Emergency Stairway Replacement

Questions?



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2023 Fire Department Annual Report

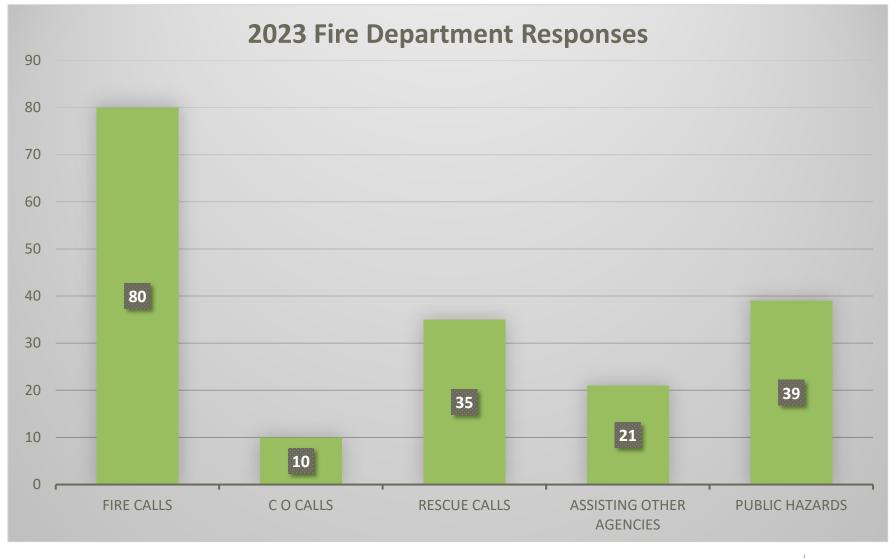
Rick Desarmia, Fire Chief March 11, 2024

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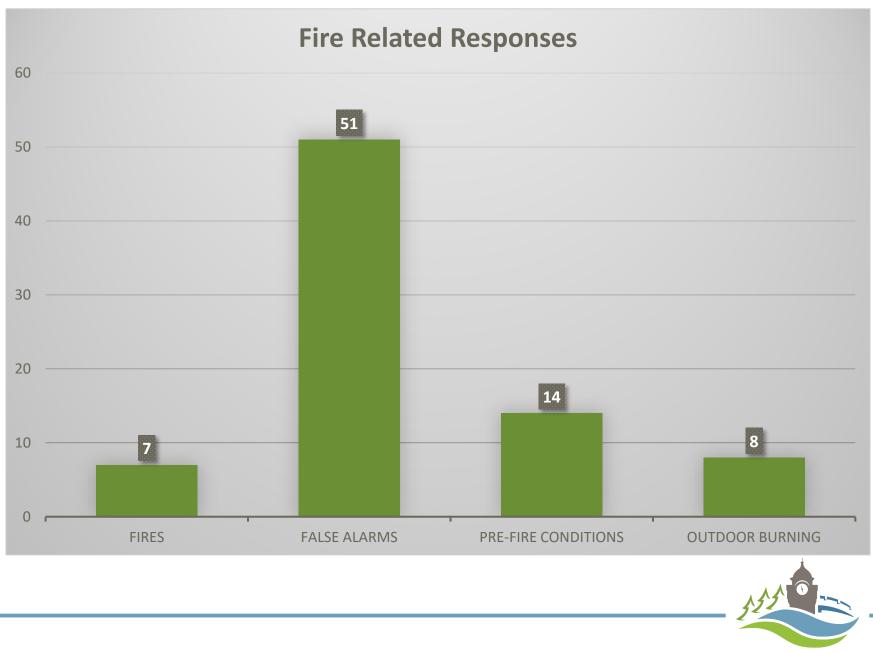


2023 Fire Dept. Stats

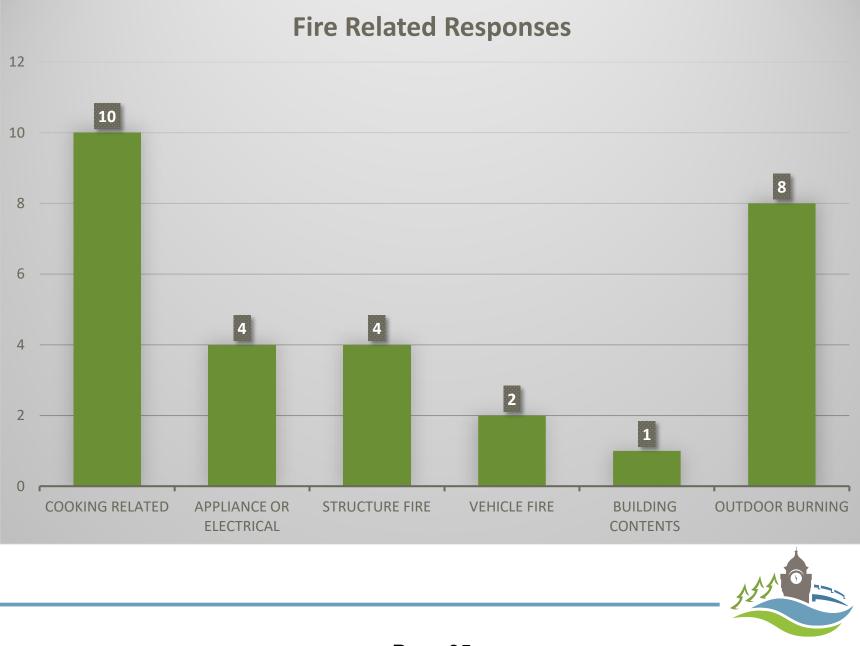
- In 2023 the Arnprior Fire Department completed the year with 185 calls for service.
- This is a repeat in the same number of activated calls for service from our previous year.







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2023 Fire Losses

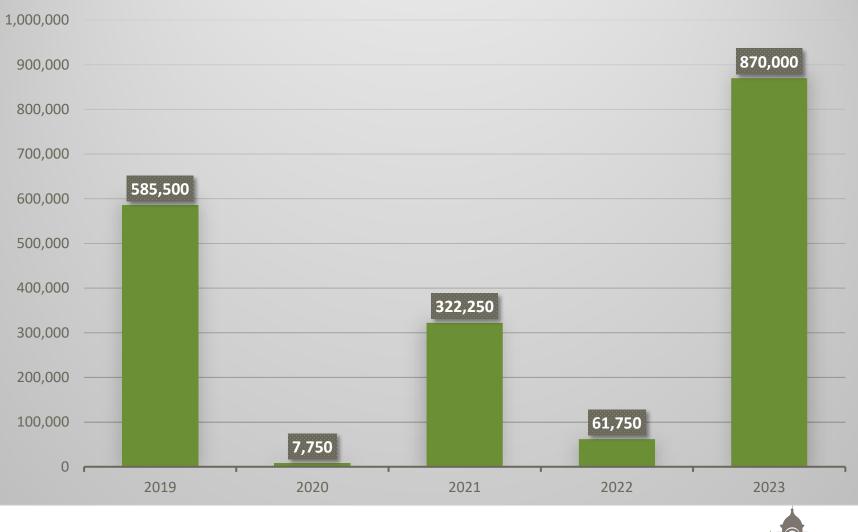
- In 2023 the fire department responded to 4 structure fires within our community.
- 8 Gardner St. fire resulted in a total loss estimated at \$600,000.
- 63 Russell St fire was contained to the room of fire origin but still resulted in an estimated \$250,000 loss.



2023 Fire Losses

- Structure fires also occurred at 212 Harrington and 36 Moe Robillard. In both instances, fire was contained to the exterior of the building, damage was estimated at a combined total of \$6000.
- With the addition of 2 vehicle fires and a small contents fire in a local industrial warehouse, our 2023 estimated fire loss is \$870,000.

5 Year Estimated Fire Losses







Open-air Burning

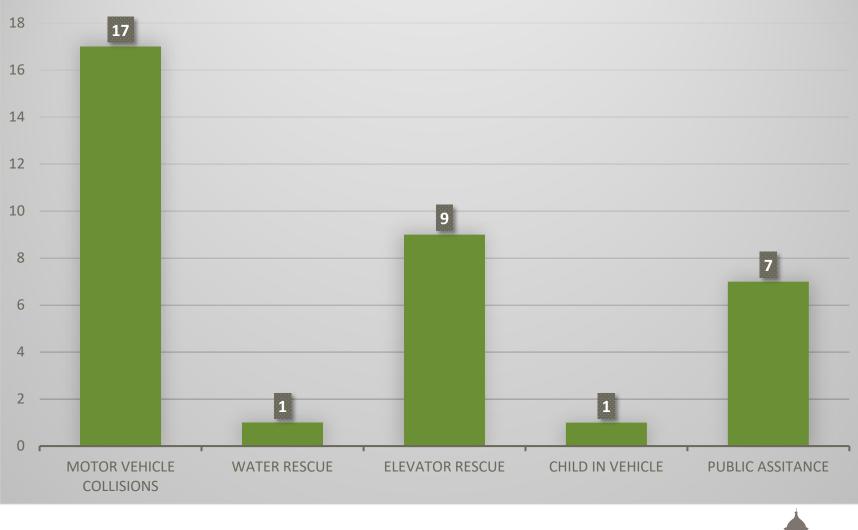
- In 2023 Fire Dept. staff issued a total of 325 Permits for outdoor recreational burning.
- This is a slight increase from 312 permits in the previous year.
- Administration of Open-air Burn permits has been changed to an on-line platform.



Open-air Burning

• A five-week Province wide Burn ban occurred in the early part of the summer due to the dry conditions.

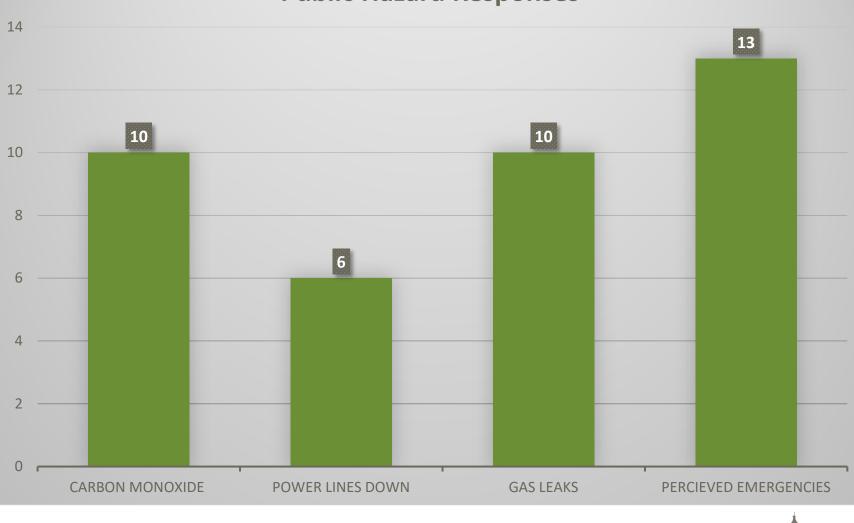
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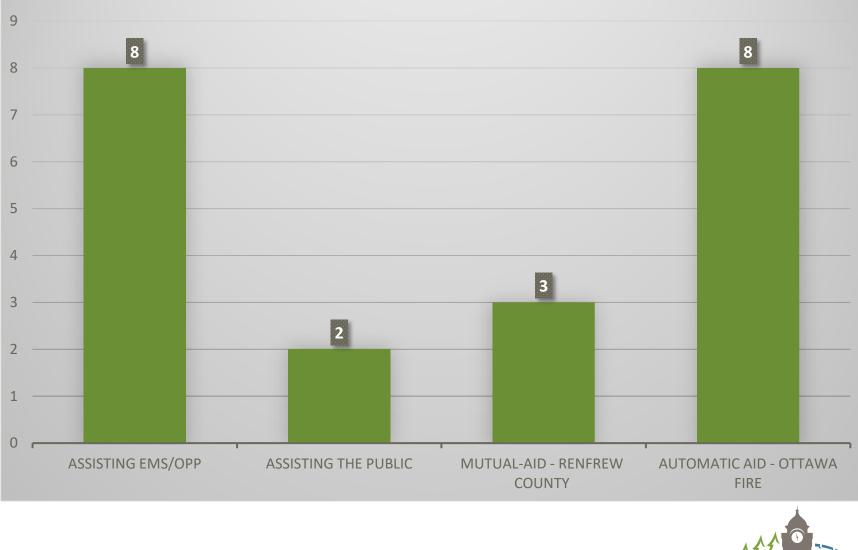
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Public Hazard Responses





Assistance to Other Agencies

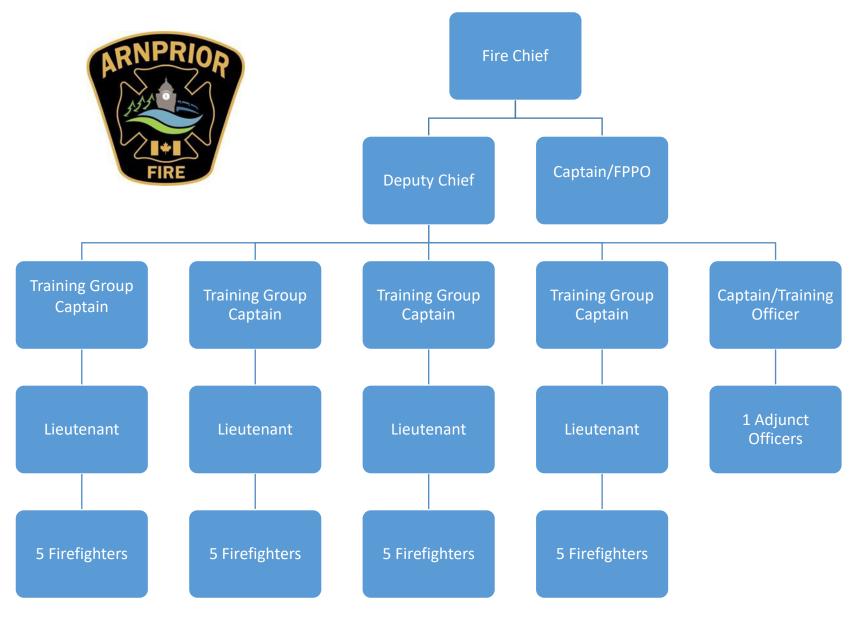


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Department Staffing

- 2023 once again saw one resignation and one retirement of volunteer members of the Department.
- The position of Volunteer Captain/Training Officer was re-instated within the department
- The department is currently operating with 30 active volunteer members and 3 full time staff.



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Fire Inspections

- In 2023 the Fire Prevention Office conducted 87 Fire Inspections within the municipality
- All inspections conducted were done so as per the requirements of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act,
 - Due to a request or complaint;
 - Annually regulated requirement under the Ontario Fire Code; or
 - As per the Town's Fire Prevention Policy.



Public Education





Public Education

- A total of 13 Public Education Sessions were conducted by the Fire Prevention Office and assisting volunteer members of the dept.
- Fire Dept. staff also participated at the Sunday market to promote working Smoke and Carbon Monoxide alarms.
- Participation in the Province's "Saved By the Beep" campaign also took place.
- As well as our annual Prevention Week visits to schools, targeting students from JK to Grade 3.



Home Fire and Life Safety

- In 2023 the Home Fire and Life Safety Program was updated to facilitate a scheduled appointment system rather than the door-to-door campaign.
- The campaign was scheduled for 12 business days leading up to and including Fire Prevention Week.
- The appeal and convenience of having appointments scheduled facilitated a need to extend the program beyond the 12-day threshold with staff accommodating some residents after program hours and on weekends as well.



Home Fire and Life Safety

- In total staff attended close to 100 private dwellings which spanned the following demographics:
 - Assisted living/subsidized housing residences
 - Senior citizens living independently in their own homes
 - First time younger homeowners
 - New Arnprior residents



Fire Dept Training





Fire Dept Training

- The department completed total of 48 regular training sessions in 2023.
- Regular weekly training is considered to be maintenance training, which aids our firefighters in staying proficient in all skills learned to perform their duties, such as:
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
 - Firefighter Safety



Fire Dept Training

- Search and Rescue
- Firefighter Survival Tactics
- Fire Suppression
- Water Supply
- Pumper Operations
- Auto Extrication
- Water and Ice Rescue
- Basic first-aid, CPR, and Patient Care



Firefighter Certification

- On July 1st, 2022, Ontario Regulation 343/22: Firefighter Certification came into force, under the authority of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act 1997,*
- The regulation sets out the minimum NFPA standard training requirements for firefighters delivering fire protection services for their municipality.
- In 2023 the 11 members of our Fire Department requiring certification completed 2 of the 3 training components they require to be NFPA certified.







- In April of 2023, the Department experienced a mechanical failure of the leveling system on the 2018 Aerial Ladder Truck.
- The malfunction caused the apparatus to be placed on a limited service as a pumping apparatus for a period of 3.5 weeks while parts were sourced by the dealer and manufacturer.
- Repairs were made to the apparatus with Council approved funding from the 2023 Capital Expenditure Reserve Fund (CERF).







- While not really an addition to our fleet, the Fire Department in conjunction with Parks and Recreation, the Arnprior Lions Club, R&M Truck and Trailer, along with assistance from Public Works staff, transformed the new Zamboni at the Nick Smith Center to replicate one of our fire trucks.
- With Sparky the Fire Dog on board, along with safety messaging to promote working smoke alarms, it is now a tool for fire safety education.





- 11 members of the department are scheduled to attend NFPA Haz Mat training to complete Firefighter Certification in March.
- The same group are also scheduled to attend NFPA 1002 Fire Dept. Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Training in April.
- All officers of the department are scheduled to attend a TSSA recognized Elevator Rescue Training course, also in April of 2024.





- Upon completion of the current group's training and attainment of their required Certification, a recruitment will take place to fill positions created by resignation and retirement members.
- Continue to work with the Finance Department to review the current compensation model for our volunteer firefighters, to recognize their role as emergency responders and help us to retain skilled firefighters through fair compensation and other incentives.





 Continue to monitor the growth of our community to ensure we, as a fire department, are continuing to provide the services required to meet the emergency response needs of the community.

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The Corporation of the Town of Arnprior Notice of Application for Zoning By-Law Amendment ZBLA-1/24 and Notice of Public Meeting

Take Notice that pursuant to the requirements of the Planning Act, the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior advises that an application for amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 6875-18, as amended, has been received and was deemed a complete application.

And Further, Take Notice that an in-person public meeting giving the public an opportunity to make representations in respect of the zoning amendment will be held on **Monday, March 11th**, **2024**, at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior.

Subject Lands: The lands affected by the Amendment are known as Block 139, Registered Plan 49M-76 Geographic Township of Amprior Part Lot 5, Concession A with frontage on Desmond Trudeau Drive, Russett Drive and Campbell Drive.

Purpose & Effect of the Amendments: The purpose of the proposed amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 6875-18 is: firstly, to transition the parent zone from R4 to R3, allowing for the inclusion of single and semi-detached dwelling units; and secondly, to introduce alternative development standards. These proposed development standards aim to address aspects such as the private road, building setbacks, and other performance criteria that do not align with the existing Zoning By-law.

More Information: Copies of the proposed amendment, material provided under Section 34 of the Planning Act and any additional information relating to the proposal, are available for inspection by contacting the Planning office at 613-623-4231 during regular office hours or by emailing <u>planning@arnprior.ca</u>.

Any Person may participate in the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Town of Arnprior to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT), but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Arnprior before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Town of Arnprior on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Town of Arnprior c/o Planning, Town of Arnprior, 105 Elgin St. W., Arnprior ON K7S 0A8.

If you are receiving this notice because you are the owner of property in the area of the amendment that contains seven or more residential units, you must also post this notice in a location that is visible to all of the residents of your property.

Privacy Disclosure: As one of the purposes of the Planning Act is to provide for planning processes that are open and accessible, all written submissions, documents, correspondence, e-mails or other communications (including your name and address) form part of the public record. The Town to such persons, will disclosed/make this information available as the Town deems appropriate, including anyone requesting such information. Please note that by submitting any of this information, you are providing the Town with your consent to use and disclose this information as part of the planning process.

Dated at the Town of Amprior this 20th day of February 2024.

Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk Town of Arnprior 105 Elgin Street West, Arnprior, ON K7S 0A8

Key Map:





Zoning By-law Amendment ZBL1/24 Block 139, Plan 49M-76, Village Creek

Robin Paquette, CAO

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General Public Meeting Information

- If you'd like to speak, please come forward to the table to address the Chair and please give your name and address for the recording secretary.
- If you wish to be notified of any further proceedings concerning an application, please provide your name and address to the Clerk of the municipality.
- Please be advised that the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss an appeal of an application, if the appellant has not provided Council with an oral submission at this meeting or a written submission before the amendment is adopted.

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Key Plan





Current Designations

- Official Plan Low/Medium Residential Area
 - Applies to residential areas that were recently developed or vacant on the edges of built-up areas; planned for a variety of housing forms



Current Designations

- Zoning By-law Residential Four (R4)
 - Permitted Uses:
 - Street townhouse dwelling
 - Apartment dwelling
 - Triplex dwelling
 - Multiple dwelling
 - Secondary residential unit
 - Home business
 - Bed and breakfast establishment
 - Childcare centre/home childcare



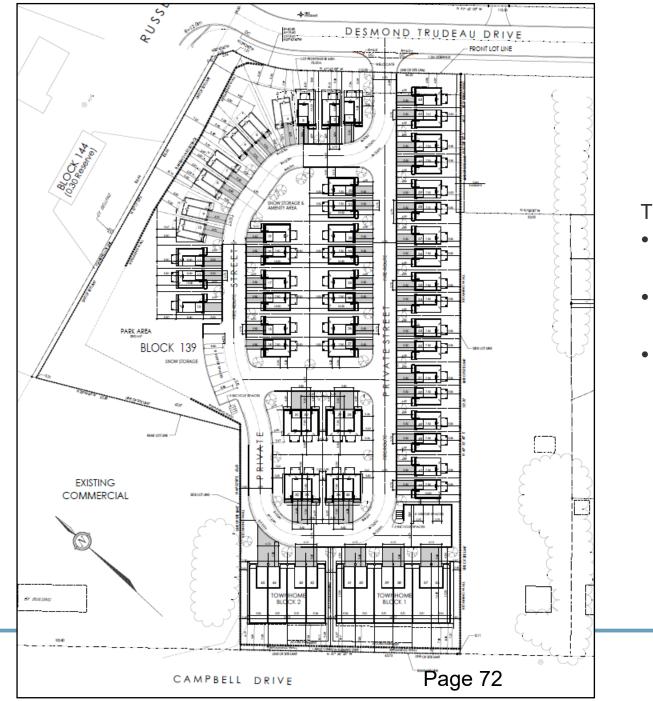
Proposal

- Zoning Bylaw Amendment 1/24
 - to transition the parent zone from R4 to R3, allowing for the inclusion of single and semidetached dwelling units; and
 - to introduce alternative development standards. These proposed standards aim to address aspects such as the private road, building setbacks, and other performance criteria that do not align with the existing Zoning By-law.

Proposed Zoning for		
	REQUIRED:	PROVIDED:
LOT FRONTAGE:		73.31m
MIN. LOT FRONTAGE:		
SINGLES:	12.00 m	6.70 m
SEMI DETACHED:	7.50 m	5.98 m
TOWNHOME:	6.00 m	5.10 m
MIN. FRONT YARD SETBACK:		
SINGLES:	6.00 m	5.50 m
SEMI DETACHED:	6.00 m	5.50 m
TOWNHOME:	4.50 m	5.60 m
MIN. SETBACK TO GARAGE:		
SINGLES:	6.00 m	5.50 m
SEMI DETACHED:	6.00 m	5.50 m
TOWNHOME:	6.00 m	5.50 m
MIN. REAR YARD SETBACK:		
SINGLES:	6.00 m	5.50 m
SEMI DETACHED:	6.00 m	5.50 m
TOWNHOME:	6.00 m	6.19 m
MIN. EXTERIOR YARD SETBACK:		
SINGLES:	4.50 m	4.07 m
SEMI DETACHED:	4.50 m	3.36 m
TOWNHOME:	4.50 m	N/A
MIN. INTERIOR YARD SETBACK:		
SINGLES:	1.20 m	0.60 m
SEMI DETACHED:	1.20 m	0.90 m
TOWNHOME:	1.80 m	1.55 m
MIN. DWELLING AREA:		
SINGLES:	75.0 m ²	96.9 m ²
SEMI DETACHED:	65.0 m ²	96.9m ²
TOWNHOME:	N/A	157.6 m ²
MAX. BUILDING HEIGHT:		
SINGLES:	10.50 m	9.14 m
SEMI DETACHED:	10.50 m	9.14 m
TOWNHOME:	10.50 m	8.33 m



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Site Plan

The Proposal includes:

- 45 single-detached dwellings;
- 8 semi-detached dwelling units; and
- 10 townhouse units



Elevations

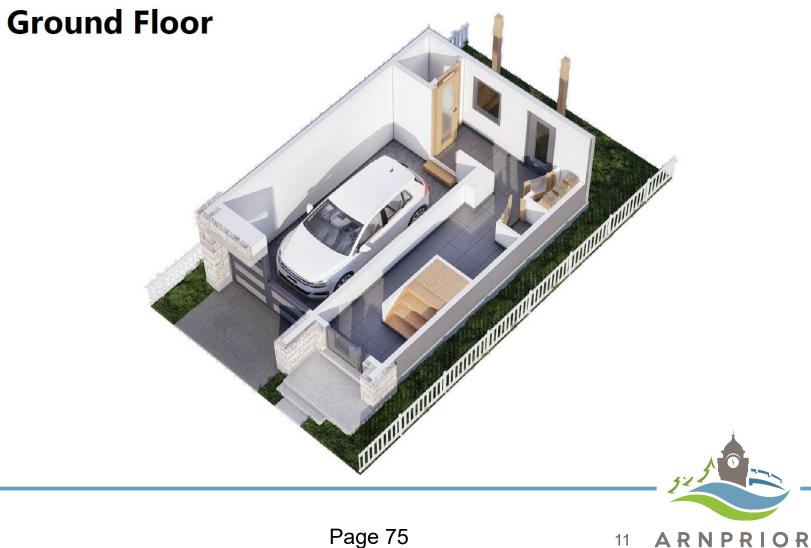




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Streetscape













Next Steps

- Council will consider any comments from the public prior to the adoption of any amendments to the Zoning By-law.
- A staff report will be brought forward to Council and will include options for consideration including passage of the amending by-law, proposed changes to the amending by-law, or refusal of the amending by-law, all subject to an appeal period of 20 days.

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Town of Arnprior Staff Report

Subject: 2023 Building Permit Activity / Delegated Site Plan Approvals Report Number: 2024-03-11-01 Report Author and Position Title: Jacques Benoit, Chief Building Official / Robin Paquette, CAO Department: Community Services Branch Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

Recommendations:

That Council receives report number 2024-03-11-01 as information.

Background:

In 2022, the Town had issued 172 building permits with an approximate total construction value of \$29,569,162.00.

Discussion:

As of December 31, 2023, Building Permit statistics are as follows:

201 Building Permits issued with an approximate construction value of \$46,671,166.00. Of the 201 permits, the residential development, included:

Single Detached Units	17
Semi-Detached Units	32 (16 buildings)
Townhouse Units	31 (6 blocks)
Secondary Units	2
TOTAL	82

Number of new residential units from previous years:

2022	33 units
2021	511 units
2020	102 units
2019	119 units
2018	72 units
2017	73 units
2016	58 units

Site Plan Agreements:

In 2022, Council amended the Delegation of Authority By-law to delegate Site Plan Approval to the CAO in accordance with Section 41 of the *Planning Act*. Since that time, the following Site Plan Agreements have been entered into:

- 1. 124 Fourth Ave Three commercial self-storage buildings with 1769m² of storage space
- 2. 245 Daniel St (former Canadian Tire) Two commercial buildings, one of 2222.51 m^2 with 4 units and one of 445.92 m^2 and 4 units
- 3. 405 Didak Drive One industrial use building (printing shop) of 270m²

Options:

None

Policy Considerations:

None

Financial Considerations:

	Permit Fees	Plumbing Fees	Development Charges	Total
Current Year (2023)	\$226,454	\$16,110	\$1,829,335	\$2,071,899
Prior Year (2022)	\$130,091	\$8,971	\$505,095	\$644,157
Increase / (Decrease) from Prior Year	\$96,363	\$7,139	\$1,324,240	\$1,427,742

Meeting Dates:

None

Consultation:

- CAO
- A / Manager of Finance

Documents:

None

Signatures

Reviewed by Department Head: Robin Paquette

Reviewed by General Manager, Client Services/Treasurer: Jennifer Morawiec

CAO Concurrence: Robin Paquette

Workflow Certified by Town Clerk: Kaila Zamojski



Town of Arnprior Staff Report

Subject: Phase 4B Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision Agreement (47- T-14002) Report Number: 24-03-11-02 Report Author and Position Title: Robin Paquette, CAO Department: Community Services Meeting Date: March 11, 2024

Recommendations:

That Council adopt a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Subdivision Agreement for Phase 4B of the Marshall's Bay Meadows Subdivision (47-T-14002) with the final form and content of the Agreements being to the satisfaction of the CAO, in consultation with the Town Solicitor; and

Further that Council approve a request to allow for tree clearing and grubbing of the future parkland located in Phase 5 of the Marshall's Bay Meadow Subdivision, subject to the requirements as outlined in this report.

Background:

The proposed subdivision agreement between the Town and the owner, Marshall's Bay Regional Inc., ensures that the works associated with the subdivision are completed to a minimum standard within a specified time frame, and that sufficient securities are posted to allow the Town to complete any works outstanding, should the owner default on the agreement.

Discussion:

Draft conditions of final approval were issued by the County of Renfrew on August 5th, 2015, and revised on October 13, 2021. Town staff and engineering consultants have reviewed the submissions in respect to Phase 4B of this development. The following plans and reports have been approved:

Plans:

1. Draft Plan of Subdivision, Plan 49M – XXX, drawing No. 23-2196, prepared by Adam Kasprzak Surveying Ltd., dated October 23, 2023.

- 2. Plan and Profile Seabert Drive & Morgan Clouthier Way Station 20+850 to 21+093 Station 22+000 to 22+125, drawing No. 117164-2-PR7, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 3, 2021, revision 9, dated July 31, 2023.
- 3. General Plan of Services (Phase 3-5), drawings No. 117164-2-GP2, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 3, 2021, revision 8, dated July 28, 2023.
- 4. Overall General Plan of Services (Phase 3-5), drawings No. 117164-2-GP0, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 3, 2021, revision 9, dated July 25, 2023.
- Streetscape Plan, Phases 3 4A 4B, drawing No. 117164-2-L2B, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated May 5, 2022, revision 6, dated November 21, 2023.
- 6. Streetscape Plan, Phase 4A Continued, drawing No. 117164-L3, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated May 5, 2022, revision 5, dated November 21, 2023.
- Streetscape Plan, Phases 3 4A, drawing No. 117164-2-L2B, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated May 5, 2022, revision 4, dated February 24, 2023.
- 8. Grading Overall (Phase 3-5), drawing No. 117164-2-GRO, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 21, 2021, revision 8, dated July 31, 2023.
- 9. Grading Plan (Phase 3-5), drawings No. 117164-2-GR2, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 3, 2021, revision 12, dated July 31, 2023.
- 10. Composite Utility Plan (Phase 3-5), drawings No. 117164-2-CUP3, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated May 4, 2022, revision 9, dated July 31, 2023.
- 11. Street Lighting Plan (Phase 3-5), drawings No. 117164-2-SL3, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated May 4, 2022, revision 5, dated August 9, 2023.
- 12. Plan and Profile Dr. Reid Street Station 1+00 to 1+339, drawing No. 117164-2-PR10, prepared by Novatech Engineers, Planners & Landscape Architects, dated Dec 3, 2021, revision 9, dated July 31, 2023.

Reports/Studies:

1. Phase 4B Certificate of Surveyor – Area & Frontage, prepared by Adam Kasprzak Surveying Ltd.

Condition #3.c) requires the following:

"The Owner agrees, by entering into a Subdivision Agreement, to satisfy all terms, conditions and obligations, financial and otherwise, of the Town of Arnprior, at the Owner's sole expense, including but not limited to, the phasing of the subdivision registration, the design and construction of roads, all water, wastewater and stormwater systems, and utilities in accordance with the Town's specifications and standards, all to the satisfaction of the Town. The Owner agrees to provide securities, in a form acceptable to the Town, equivalent to 100% of the estimated costs of municipal works."

Staff has used the standard form Subdivision Agreement to prepare a Draft Subdivision Agreement.

Entering into this Subdivision Agreement will fulfill the requirements of Draft Condition #3.c). Once the Agreement is signed, all other conditions cleared and securities and insurance provided, a clearance letter is forwarded to the County of Renfrew, for their consideration in the final approval of the Plan of Subdivision. Once the County approves the Draft Plan, the plans, agreement and easements are registered on title in priority.

A forthcoming bylaw will be before Council to lift the 0.3m reserves established in earlier phases to facilitate the development and access in Phase 4B once registered.

Pre-servicing (Clearing) for Parkland in Phase 5

In order to minimize or eliminate potential environmental impacts, and to address the grading proposed for the active parkland to be provided as part of Phase 5 of the development, the developer has requested permission to allow for tree clearing and grubbing of the parkland block at this time.

Pre-servicing is typically understood to be the installation of municipal services (water and sewer) on the subject lands in the locations as approved by the Town and the MECP. The developer is not permitted to connect those services into the Town's operational services during this time and until the subdivision agreement is entered into. The Town will permit preservicing of lands at the developer's risk, once:

- Provincial approvals (ECA), if necessary, have been obtained;
- securities have been posted; and
- insurance certificates are provided.

A letter of undertaking (indemnity) must be posted ensuring that the Town is not responsible in any way for the project proceeding and indicating that no connections to municipal services will be permitted or building permits issued prior to the registration of the subdivision agreement. The intent of 'pre-servicing' is to allow approved services to be installed prior to final legal registration. With regards to the subject development, the owner has prepared and filed grading plans for review for the next phase of the subdivision approval.

The developer has requested permission to commence tree removal and grubbing. At this time, staff would recommend granting approval for tree removal and grubbing.

Options:

Staff have reviewed the plans, reports and drawings submitted in support of this application, and the developer is clearing the conditions of draft approval. Staff recommend entering into the Subdivision Agreement, subject to the final form and content of the Agreement being to the satisfaction of the CAO, in consultation with the Town Solicitor.

Policy Considerations:

The proposed plan of subdivision is consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement and conforms to the County and Town Official Plans.

Financial Considerations:

The Owner will provide securities and fees in accordance with the Agreement requirements.

Meeting Dates:

N/A

Consultation:

- Robin Paquette, CAO
- John Steckly, General Manger, Operations

The developer is responsible for obtaining clearance letters from all other agencies party to the conditions required by the County.

Documents:

1. Phase 4B M-Plan to be registered.

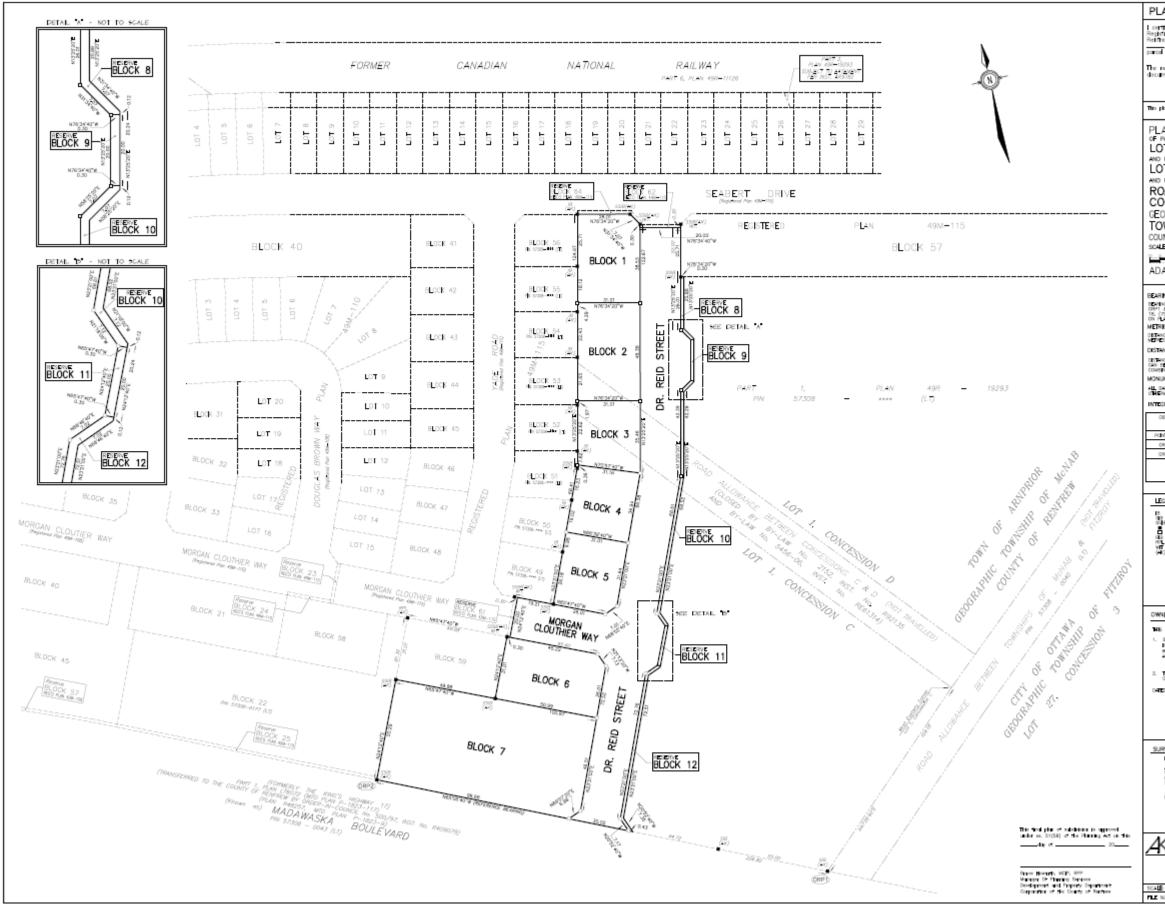
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Resolution for Support – Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) – Municipal Equipment Operator Course

Moved by _____

Seconded By _____

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) as information;

Whereas municipal public works departments across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities, ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

Whereas if it was not for our municipal public works employees maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

Whereas municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause the levels of service that municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

Whereas there is currently no province-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

Further That Council calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.



Resolution for Support – Township of Perry – Amend Blue Box Regulation re Ineligible Sources

Moved by _____

Seconded By _____

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Township of Perry as information;

Whereas under *Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box*, producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for 'eligible' sources only; and,

Whereas 'ineligible' sources which producers are not responsible for include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings, and not-for-profit organizations such as shelters and food banks; and,

Whereas should a municipality continue to provide services to the 'ineligible' sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation, and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior requests that the Province of Ontario amend *Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box* so that producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks; the MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).



Resolution for Support – Town of Lincoln – Urgent Need for Increased Funding to Libraries and Museums in Ontario

Moved by _____

Seconded By _____

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the Town of Lincoln as information;

Whereas libraries and museums serve as multi-faceted, community hubs for the populations that they serve and provide a variety of essential services including, but not limited to, material lending, children's programming, public access to the internet, social engagement, preserving our local history and stories, and as spaces for educational and community events; and

Whereas provincial funding for public libraries has not increased for over 25 years and library revenues are primarily derived from their local municipalities, user fees and donations which limits the ability of libraries to ensure long-term stability in times of high inflation, technological change and increasing demands on libraries due to population growth; and,

Whereas funding for community museums through the Community Museum Operating Grant (CMOG) has stagnated for over 15 years which limits the ability of small community museums to bolster staffing, increase service delivery and support their communities; and

Whereas the Amprior Public Library and Amprior and District Museum act as inclusive community hubs and their operations are critical to the health and vibrancy of our community in addition to contributing to regional tourism, social inclusion and participation, community well-being, skill building and learning;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior urges the Government of Ontario to support increasing funding to both public libraries and community museums in recognition of the role that these institutions play as community hubs that contribute greatly to the economic, cultural and social foundations of rural communities across Ontario; and

Further that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of the Tourism, Culture and Sport; the MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).