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Minutes of Council Meeting

April 22, 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):

None

Council Members Absent:

None

Town Staff Present:

Robin Paquette, CAO
Jennifer Morawiec, General Manager Client Services/Treasurer
Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk
Oliver Jacob, Deputy Clerk
John Steckly, General Manager Operations
Patrick Foley, Engineering Officer
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation

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 137-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, April 22, 2024 be adopted as amended to include a revised municipal grant request for the Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games (Item 15(b)(iv)).

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

None

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 138-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council listed under Item 7 (a) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – April 8, 2024).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

a) Zoning By-Law Amendment – Temporary Use (10 William Street)

Resolution Number 139-24 (6:31 pm)

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council move into a public meeting regarding a proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment No. 2/24 (10 William Street West).

Resolution Carried

The Public Meeting was opened at 6:31 pm. Robin Paquette, CAO provided an overview of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment which would permit industrial use as a temporary use of the subject property at 10 William Street West for a period of up to 3 years, with possible extensions.

Following the overview the floor was opened to the public for comment.

The following individuals provided comment at the meeting:

- Kevin Dueck – 46 Daniel Street South
- Jacob Lathem – 105 Daniel Street South
- Dan Yetman – 19 Havey Street
- Alexis Young – 105 Daniel Street South
- Owners of 10 William Street

The following represents a summary of the comments/ concerns received:

- Concerns with the ability for this temporary use to be extended year over year.
- Noise and congestion concerns with the number of deliveries and timing of deliveries, as there could be a disruption to the neighbourhood.
- Noise and pollution concerns with a manufacturing business being put here.
- Safety concerns surrounding increased traffic overall on Daniel Street, as well as increased transport truck traffic.

- Safety concerns regarding speeding on Daniel Street, which is already a current issue.
- Safety of pedestrians, both crossing the street and who use the parking lot to cross currently.
- Concerns surrounding the municipal drain that runs underneath the current parking lot, with increased larger vehicles driving in this area.
- General comment on the changing nature of the neighbourhoods in this area over the last little while, noting the proposed and current construction projects. Also, a note that this building used to be a retail space and retail adds value to neighbourhoods, and if this location can be zoned as industrial there are likely others that could be zoned the same way in the future, and this is concerning.

The Owners of 10 William Street provided an overview of the type of manufacturing business, noting the following:

- Manufacturing that will be occurring will stay within the confines of the building and is a small operation of five people at this time.
- Primarily an assembly type process happening on site for a specialized steel hospital use equipment, which is small scale and quiet in nature.
- The business is not noisy in their current location and is very clean and well kept.
- The owners are looking to occupy this property within 5 years for their own purposes.
- This business will be closed on weekends and in the evenings.

Mayor McGee thanked the members of the public in attendance for providing their input. The public meeting was declared closed at 6:56 pm.

Resolution Number 140-24 (6:56 p.m.)

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council resume to the Regular Meeting of Council.

Resolution Carried

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

None

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

a) CIP Application for 67 Madawaska Street – CAO on behalf of MEDO

Resolution Number 141-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council enact a by-law to enter into an Agreement with Scott Fawcett for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Financial Incentive Grant under the Signage Improvement Program for 67 Madawaska Street in an amount of up to \$500 to be funded from the CIP Grants operating account.

Resolution Carried

b) Amend Arnprior Brand Guidelines – CAO on behalf of MEDO

Resolution Number 142-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council adopt a by-law to approve additions to the Town's Brand Guidelines including the addition of complementary colours for an accessible colour pallet and guidelines for creating event logos.

Resolution Carried

c) Robert Simpson Park Canteen Rental Agreement – Director of Recreation

Resolution Number 143-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Couper

That Council adopt a by-law authorizing the Mayor and Clerk to execute a Lease Agreement with Jaydog (Cari Reid) on behalf of the Town of Arnprior for the Robert Simpson Park canteen for a one-year term from May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025 with an additional one-year renewal option.

Resolution Carried

d) McNab Street Sidewalk / Madawaska Blvd Pathway Projects Update – Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 144-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council direct staff to proceed with advancing the issuance of a tender in 2024 for the Construction of the McNab Street Sidewalk Project at the estimated value of \$950,000.

That Council direct staff to defer the construction of the 2024 Capital Project titled Construction: Sidewalks – Madawaska Blvd from 2024 to 2025 and redirect the available \$950,000 from this project towards the Construction of the McNab Street Sidewalk Project.

Resolution Carried

e) Request for Award – PW-2024-04 – WPCC Roof Replacement – Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 145-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council enact by-laws to:

- a) Award the Arnprior WPCC Roof Replacement Tender No. PW-2024-04 to Morin Insulation & Roofing Ltd., for a total of \$200,530.00 (plus HST); and
- b) Award quality assurance and contract administration services to Rimkus for a total of \$8,500.00 (plus HST); and
- c) Fund the shortfall of \$87,708.93 through the Wastewater Reserve Fund; and
- d) Authorize the CAO to execute the agreements, and related documents with Morin Insulation & Roofing Ltd. to implement the defined scope of work.

Resolution Carried

f) Proclamation for Proclamation for First Responders Day (May 1st, 2024) – Client Services Coordinator

Resolution Number 146-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council proclaim May 1st, 2024 as First Responders Day in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Bill 15, “An Act to Proclaim First Responders Day” was adopted by the Legislature of Ontario on December 10th, 2013, designating May 1st of each year as ‘First Responders Day’ in the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas First Responders are those individuals who, in the early stages of an emergency, are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence and the environment; and

Whereas First Responders include police officers, firefighters, paramedics, medical evacuation pilots, dispatchers, nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians, military personnel, road maintenance personnel and emergency managers; and

Whereas First Responders are both volunteers and professionals who dedicate their lives to public service, and whose skills often make the difference between life and death; and

Whereas at a moment's notice, first responders are quick to respond to dangerous and distressing situations that threaten our communities; and

Whereas the services, dedication and commitment of First Responders deserves to be recognized and honoured; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior employs or contracts the services of many First Responders;

Now Therefore, Council does hereby proclaim May 1st, 2024, as "First Responders Day" in the Town of Arnprior and urge all residents to thank those individuals who have dedicated their lives to keeping our community and homes safe and protected.

g) Proclamation for Proclamation for Emergency Preparedness Week (May 5 to 11, 2024) – Client Services Coordinator

Resolution Number 147-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council proclaim May 5th to 11th, 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative that has taken place annually since 1996; and

Whereas Emergency Preparedness Week encourages Canadians to take three simple steps to become better prepared to face a range of emergencies: 1. Know the Risks 2. Make a Plan 3. Get an Emergency Kit; and

Whereas this awareness initiative is a collaborative event undertaken by the provincial and territorial emergency management organizations supporting activities at the local level in conjunction with Public Safety Canada and partners; and

Whereas the 2024 theme is "[Be Prepared. Know Your Risks](#)" to encourage Canadians to understand the risks in their area and learn what actions they can take to protect themselves and their families;

Whereas the Town of Arnprior Fire Prevention Office has been raising awareness throughout the community in support of Emergency Preparedness Week; and

Now Therefore, Council does hereby proclaim May 5th to 11th, 2024 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to learn more about preparing for an emergency (know the risks, make a plan, get an emergency kit) and understand the importance of emergency preparedness.

h) Proclamation for Proclamation for Museum Month (May 2024) – Client Services Coordinator

Resolution Number 148-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council proclaim May 2024 as Museum Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas throughout our community, museums, art galleries, and heritage sites reflect our local history and culture, and contribute to our collective problem-solving in the present and the future; and

Whereas this month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of our community's museum and celebrate the contributions these institutions make to quality of life, education, and economic development; and

Whereas the Arnprior and District Museum welcomes visitors and tourists to our community while also serving as a community hub; and

Whereas the Arnprior and District Museum is a key asset to education, employment, economic development, tourism, culture, and equity; and

Whereas the Town's Manager of Culture / Curator is planning a series of special events at the Arnprior and District Museum including the #CultureInArnprior Speaker Series and a popup exhibit exploring local problem-solving during the Great Depression;

Now Therefore, Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Museum Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents and visitors to drop into the Arnprior and District Museum and explore through the Museum's social media to find out ways to join in this month and all year long!

i) Proclamation for Proclamation for Community Living Month (May 2024) – Client Services Coordinator

Resolution Number 149-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council proclaim May 2024 as Community Living Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Town Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas [Community Living Month](#) is a province-wide annual awareness campaign created to promote authentic inclusion with people who have an intellectual disability and their families; and

Whereas Community Living Renfrew County South (CLRCS) is celebrating 60 years of possibilities and service to the local community in 2024; and

Whereas Community Living Renfrew County South has been providing exceptional services and support to people with developmental disabilities and their families in Arnprior and the surrounding area; and

Whereas in honour of their 60th anniversary, Community Living Renfrew County South will also be hosting a gala in May 2024 and bringing back a United Run in October 2024;

Now Therefore, Council does hereby proclaim May 2024 as Community Living Month in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Community Living Renfrew County South.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor's Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Renfrew Police Services Board together with the Renfrew Detachment of the OPP were successful in securing a grant in helping to eliminate auto theft, acronym being the EAT initiative. Councillor Couper and I attended the launch of this last week at the Renfrew Armories. This grant provides 1.5 million dollars in funding over a three-year period. One of the components is the new camera system, that is capable of reading licence plates from over 700m away in the dark, as well as having the ability to assist in identifying suspects. These cameras are also capable of operating as speed cameras. The City of Toronto has had great success with this system. Cameras will be installed in several sites throughout Town, specifically with the intention of addressing auto theft.
- At their request, I met with a group of residents on a variety of concerns. Unfortunately, all requests were outside of the scope of the municipality care and control. I was able to point these individuals in the right direction to answer some of their questions on things like:
 - The former Arnprior Fair with a desire to resurrect a full midway.
 - Wildlife encroaching on homes backing onto forested areas.
 - Collision risks and frustrations with the parking area off Hwy 29.
- I recently had a breakfast meeting with CEO of the Arnprior Hospital and discussed the future of the hospital, changes and opportunities. The CEO noted she is looking forward to her retirement and I wish her all the best.
- Last week I participated in a full day of training / discussion on land use planning. This course outlined the impacts of Bill 23 and continuing pressures on housing needs locally, provincially, and nationally. Participants from many sectors each offered unique ideas and perspectives. Collectively, everyone at the course agreed that Zoning By-laws need to be flexible to have the ability to offer a wide variety of options, including tiny homes. Also, financial support from other tiers of government is desperately needed to facilitate the need for more homes as well as more affordable homes. I learned a lot about the planning process and the

Land Tribunal as well, and I have a different appreciation for the challenges faced by staff.

- Finally, I wanted to share my appreciation to Graeme Ivory, Director of Recreation, for reaching out and sharing some wonderful news and photos from the Parks and Recreation Ontario Conference Awards Gala, where the late Glenn Arthur received a Community Impact Award posthumously. Glenn's family was present at the event to receive the award in his honour. Mayor McGee provided background information surrounding the award noting, there has now been a brand-new award of excellence created by Parks and Recreation Ontario, known as the "Glenn Arthur Community Impact Award." Mayor McGee further noted that Graeme delivered a very nice speech following this announcement, that was a wonderful tribute to "Mr. Arnprior". She further noted that Glenn is truly missed, but his presence and legacy continues.

b) County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Lynch reported that the next County Council meeting will take place on April 24th, 2024.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

Resolution Number 150-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

That the committee minutes listed under Item 13 c) on the Agenda be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

Members of Council provided a brief overview of the minutes and dealings thus far in the newly appointed Advisory Committees, as well as noting future items to look forward to an upcoming meetings.

Councillor Chris Toner reported on the Seniors Active Living Centre Committee meeting on April 15, 2024, noting the following:

- Membership renewal season has begun, with memberships as of Monday sitting at 292 members.
- Fitness classes are continuing to be popular, with May and June classes already booked.
- New programs are being offered, such as:
 - Balance class
 - Line dancing
 - 2nd pickleball session for beginners
 - Garden plots at Galilee
- Information session topics coming soon will include:
 - The new Canada Dental Plan
 - Wills and Estate Planning
 - Reverse Mortgages

- Men's programming survey has been distributed to all SALC male members for their input.
- Retrofit work has begun at the new location in Braeside for the Men's Shed.
- Discussion on holding an older adult social, with ideas being discussed, such as a trivia and/or mix and mingle night to help combat loneliness and create friendships.

Councillor Chris Couper reported on the Library Board Meeting held on April 17, 2024, noting the following:

- The 2023 year-end financial reports were presented and sent to the Auditors.
- Minutes of Board meetings will now be posted online for others to see.
- Invoices have been submitted to the insurance company to respond to some of the irregularities that were brought up in costs for specific items and their replacement value.
- Additional furniture is being delivered to spruce up the space downstairs and replace the fixtures lost due to the flood.
- There has been an ask for additional shelving at a cost of \$2,700 which was accepted by the Board.
- The Board will be undertaking a Strategic Planning exercise in the beginning of May with the Ontario Library Service (OLS). This will begin with a meet and greet between the Board and the OLS, and the process will be fully facilitated.
 - Library Board will be sending out a survey to help gain feedback to inform the Strategic Plan. Respondent to the survey will be entered into a draw to win gift cards to local merchants.
- Scharf Hall will have an official opening in May.
- The Seed Library is now open for people to come and utilize to start their own gardens.
- A Pilot Project with Service Canada will begin soon. With Service Canada pop-ups coming to the library to offer targeted workshops. For example, Social Insurance Number workshops for newcomers.
- 40th Open Chess tournament returns on May 3rd, 4th, and 5th, 2024. This tournament has been going on since 1981. Registration is limited to 40 people. This is the first Chess Tournament since COVID.
- Statistics about the Library include:
 - 2023 – approximately 10,000 programming spaces across 614 programs.
 - Adult circulation is up 6.4%.
 - Child circulation is down 4.4%.
 - Discussion on reasons why children's books circulation may be down, is the fact that schools have lost funding for support staff, and with this schools are not bringing children into the library as often.
 - 293 new cards were issued in last 3 months.
 - 193 Arnprior residents
 - 100 for McNab Braeside and other residents

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-APR-08

Resolution Number 151-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-APR-08 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 3 – The Government of Canada has announced that their 2024 Budget will double the Volunteer Firefighters Tax Credit and the Search and Rescue Volunteers Tax Credit will also see an increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 for 2024 and subsequent tax filing years, saving volunteer firefighters up to \$900 per year.
- Page 19 – The Government of Ontario is investing over \$3 million to support families of first responders and public safety personnel who are killed in the line of duty or have died by suicide. The funding will provide free rapid bereavement counselling for up to two years following the death of a loved one.
- Page 38 – The Government of Ontario is fighting gridlock in south Ottawa by investing \$5 million in a new interchange at Highway 416 and Barnsdale Road. The interchange will save commuters time in the rapidly growing community of Barrhaven and connect more people to housing and jobs across the region. He also noted that the speed of this project's completion may provide a sense as to how quickly the Highway 417 expansion to Renfrew may be completed in our area.
- Page 65 – On behalf of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Optimus SBR has sent a survey to municipalities on March 26, 2024, to provide the province with feedback on its asset management requirements and supports. The survey closes on April 23, 2024.
 - In response, the CAO noted that staff have already provided their feedback through the online survey.

Councillor Billy Denault noted the following items:

- Page 42 – The County of Renfrew hosted an Affordable Housing Summit on April 8th, with our CAO being in attendance.
 - In response to Councillor Denault, the CAO provided a summary of what took place at this Summit, noting MPP John, Yakabuski was present and discussed some upcoming grants and changes to the Provincial Policy Statement. There was also discussion on the seven thousand units the Eastern Warden's Caucus is currently pushing for. Interesting speakers from CMHC and Habitat for Humanity were in attendance to present to the group. The County themselves also spoke about the new "mesa initiative," which is a community well-being and planning plan for the County,

regarding Social Services and a collaborative approach to providing compassionate care in the community. There was also discussion on the initiative where the County is trying to collaborate with local developers who may be interested in working with the County and increasing their social housing availability. The County currently has 1029 units, and they must keep 1022 units open at all times, within the County, as this is their commitment to the province. There is an open expression of interest with the County of Renfrew, for any developer that may be interested in providing ideas to the County in assisting with revitalizing the current stock of social housing.

- Page 49 – FCM announced a new 6-million-dollar fund to address housing and municipal infrastructure needs. The most interesting is a new 6-million-dollar Housing Infrastructure Fund, with one million dollars dedicated to urgent community infrastructure needs in improving water and wastewater management.
 - In response to Councillor Denault, the CAO noted that staff are looking out for this new opportunity when it becomes available.

b) Correspondence Package – A-24-APR-06

Resolution Number 152-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number A-24-APR-06 be received as information, and the recommendations outlined be brought forward for Council's consideration.

Resolution Carried

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 153-24

Moved by Chirs Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

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

- i. By-Law No. 7480-24 – CIP Application for 67 Madawaska Street
- ii. By-Law No. 7481-24 – Amend Arnprior Brand Guidelines
- iii. By-Law No. 7482-24 – Award Water Pollution Control Centre (WPCC) Roof Replacements Tender
- iv. By-Law No. 7483-24 – Appoint Deputy Clerk

Resolution Carried

b) Resolutions

i. Municipal Grants Application – Rotary Club of Arnprior (Butter Tart Festival)

Resolution Number 154-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Rotary Club of Arnprior; and

Whereas the Rotary Club of Arnprior raises funds which goes toward many community projects in the Greater Arnprior area; including families in need;

Whereas the Rotary Club of Arnprior is hosting a Butter Tart Festival in Robert Simpson Park on Saturday, August 24th, 2024, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM; and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for in-kind support, through the waiving of fees for the Special Event Licence (\$25.00), the Rental of the Robert Simpson Park Gazebo (\$525.00), as well as providing Town staff support for the set up and tear down of the Butter Tart Festival event; and

Further That the Rotary Club of Arnprior 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

ii. Municipal Grants Application – pflag Canada Arnprior Chapter (Valley Diversity Emporium)

Resolution Number 155-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the pflag Canada Arnprior Chapter; and

Whereas pflag Canada Arnprior Chapter is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and provides support, education, and advocacy for 2SLGBTQI+ peoples and those who love them; and

Whereas the Valley Diversity Emporium is a market event centered around celebrating the crafts and creations off diverse makers from across the Ottawa Valley and beyond;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$357.50 plus HST) for the Valley Diversity Emporium to be held on June 22nd, 2024; and

Further That the pflag Canada Arnprior Chapter be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for their event.

Resolution Carried

iii. **Municipal Grants Application – Arnprior Optimist Club (Talent Show Event)**

Resolution Number 156-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the Municipal Grant request from the Arnprior Optimist Club; and

Whereas Arnprior Optimist Club is an eligible organization under the Municipal Grants Policy and raises funds which goes toward many community projects in the Greater Arnprior area, with a specific focus on supporting local children and their families;

Whereas the Talent Show event is open to all ages up to high school students and provides an opportunity for youth to share their talents with the local community;

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre Community Hall rental fees (value of approximately \$357.50 plus HST) for their Talent Show Event to be held on May 25th, 2024; and

Further That the Arnprior Optimist Club be advised that it is mandatory to carry sufficient liability insurance and have the Town of Arnprior added as an additional insured for their event.

Resolution Carried

iv. **Municipal Grants Application – Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games 2024 (Carpet Bowling and Pickleball)**

Resolution Number 157-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Dan Lynch

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

Whereas the Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games provide opportunities for seniors over the age of 55 in Renfrew County to increase their social interactions, enhance their physical and mental health, and promote active living across our communities; and

Whereas the Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games 2024 is hosting a Carpet Bowling event at the Nick Smith Centre on Friday, May 17th, 2024, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM; and

Whereas the Renfrew County 55+ Summer Games 2024 is also hosting Pickleball events at the Nick Smith Centre on Monday, June 3rd, 2024 (Mixed Pickleball) and Wednesday, June 5th, 2024 (Gender Doubles) and

Therefore Be It Resolved That Council approve the request for waiving the Nick Smith Centre slab rental fees (value of approximately \$1912.50 plus HST) for their Carpet Bowling and Pickleball events;

Further That the Renfrew County 55+ Summer 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

v. Request for Support – County of Prince Edward (Accessible Ontario by 2025)

Resolution Number 158-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Arnprior receive the correspondence from the County of Prince Edward;

Whereas the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) was groundbreaking legislation, created to help people with disabilities to fully participate in society, bring them to the table in crafting regulations to break down barriers and build mechanisms to enforce standards; and

Whereas at least 2.9 million Ontarians currently live with a disability, representing at least 22% of the consumer base and the workforce, but due to barriers, Ontarians with disabilities are too often falling short of their full potential; and

Whereas the AODA aims to develop, implement and enforce standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment and buildings before January 1st, 2025, and municipalities, as the level of government closest to the people, are at the front lines, developing, implementing and enforcing these standards without meaningful guidance on its implementation and/or enforcement by the Province; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior had adopted its 2023-2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan which was crafted to meet the provincial compliance date of January 1st, 2025, while awaiting additional guidance from the Province of Ontario; and

Whereas the Town of Arnprior is dedicated and committed to eliminating barriers and improving accessibility for persons with disabilities in a manner that respects their dignity, independence, integration, and equal opportunity so that all people may have equitable access to Town programs, goods, services, and facilities;

Whereas people with disabilities and their advocates have highlighted the slow pace of current and previous Ontario governments in implementing the AODA and there are growing concerns there will be no renewed push to keep accessibility issues at the forefront after 2025;

Whereas Rich Donovan, an expert in accessibility issues, was appointed as the Independent Reviewer of the Act in 2022, and in his 2023 legislative review declared a crisis as a necessary catalyst to get Ontario back on track for accessibility.

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of the Town of Arnprior encourages action on the part of the Provincial Government to:

- a. Create a "Municipal Accessibility Fund" for municipalities to develop, implement and enforce AODA standards related to goods, services, accommodation, employment, and buildings;
- b. Commit to working with municipalities to implement the 2023 Donovan Review's immediate crisis recommendations;

Further That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Seniors and Accessibility, the Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus.

16. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch thanked the Town of Arnprior Council and Staff for the condolences on the loss of his mother recently.

Councillor Chris Couper made the following announcements:

- Drop boxes and charitable donations clothing bins have become overwhelmed with the generosity of donations. Also, a lot of garbage is getting dumped around these bins. As a note, RONA had their bins removed due to consistent dumping of garbage by people. The Opportunity Shop also runs into this type of garbage being dropped off after hours. This is disappointing that these charitable bins are being removed, due to the inability to keep them working as they are intended and the dumping of garbage. Information for residents, if you have garbage to dump, you can purchase a small vehicle dump pass to fill a car for only \$10.
- Thank you to Grame Ivory, Director of Recreation for your commitment to answering various questions of residents on your own time, that come up online. This is greatly appreciated.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 159-24 (8:05 pm)

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council move into Closed Session regarding one (1) matter pursuant to Section 239 (2) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Volunteer of the Year Award).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 160-24 (8:13 pm)

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 161-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council direct staff to move forward as directed in Closed Session regarding the selection and presentation of the 2024 Volunteer of the Year Award to Gail Okum.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 162-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Chris Couper

That By-law No. 7484-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 22, 2024 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 163-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk