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**Minutes of Council Meeting
May 27, 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:

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
Ryan Wall, Engineering Officer
Lindsay Wilson, MEDO
Saide Sayah, Fotenn Planning Consultant

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 195-24

Moved by Tom Burnette

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

Be It Resolved That the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council dated Monday, May 27, 2024 be adopted.

Resolution Carried

5. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Chris Couper declared a pecuniary interest in item 15(a)(iii) on this evening's Agenda, noting:

"I Chris Couper declare a pecuniary interest in this item as I live in close proximity to subject lands"

6. Question Period

None

7. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Resolution Number 196-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of Council listed under Item 7 (a) and (b) on the Agenda be adopted (Regular Meeting of Council – May 13, 2024; Special Meeting of Council – May 16, 2024).

Resolution Carried

8. Awards/Delegations/Presentations

None

9. Public Meetings

None

10. Matter Tabled/ Deferred/ Unfinished Business

Matters Deferred

a) By-law No. 7487-24 – Adopt 2024 Final Tax Rates

Resolution Number 197-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Chris Toner

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

- By-law No. 7487-24 – Adopt 2024 Final Tax Rates

Resolution Carried

11. Notice of Motions

None

12. Staff Reports

a) Zoning By-law Amendment (Pegasus Village Creek – Block 139) – CAO & Fotenn Planning Consultant

Resolution Number 198-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council adopts a by-law to amend Zoning By-law 6875-18, for the lands known legally as Block 139, Plan 49M-76, to amend the zoning from Residential Four – Holding One (R4 (H1)) to Residential Three – Exception 41 – Holding 15 (R3*41(H15))

to amend the permitted uses to include single detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwelling units and to implement site specific provisions and alternative development standards including considering the lot one lot for the purpose of the zoning by-law, a width for private roads, and various setbacks.

That Council has considered all written and oral submissions received on this application, the effect of which has helped Council make an informed decision.

Resolution Carried

b) Draft Plan of Subdivision 47-T-22002 – Norma, Ida and Charlotte Street Extension (2427450 Ontario Inc.) – Draft Conditions - CAO

Resolution Number 199-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council approve the staff report regarding the approval of Draft Plan of Subdivision application 47-T-22002, submitted by 2427450 Ontario Inc.; and

That Council approve the conditions of draft approval as outlined in this report and direct staff to provide them to the County of Renfrew.

Resolution Carried

c) Awarding of Victoria Street Design – Jp2g Consultants – Engineering Officer

Resolution Number 200-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council award Design Proposal 24-5031A - Victoria Street Design to Jp2g Consultants Inc, in the amount of \$119,977.75 (including HST); and

That upon the CAO's approval of the final form of the foregoing documents, Council authorize the CAO to enter into a contract agreement with Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Resolution Carried

d) Community Improvement Plan Grant – 134 John Street North (Unit C) – Marketing and Economic Development Officer

Resolution Number 201-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council enact a by-law to enter into an Agreement with Kayla Sawula for a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Financial Incentive Grant under the Signage Improvement Program and Application and Building Permit Fees Refund Program for 134 John St. N Unit C in an amount of up to \$550 to be funded from the CIP Grants operating account.

Resolution Carried

e) Budget Matters – Expenses: Ontario Regulation 284/09 – General Manager, Client Services / Treasurer

Resolution Number 202-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council adopt this report by Resolution as required under the Municipal Act, 2001, Ontario Regulation 284/09.

Resolution Carried

f) Proclamation for CDKL5 Awareness Month (June 2024) – Deputy Clerk

Resolution Number 203-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Chris Toner

That Council proclaim June 2024 as CDKL5 Awareness Month in the Town of Arnprior.

Resolution Carried

The Deputy Clerk read the proclamation:

Whereas CDKL5 Canada is a registered charitable corporation founded to pursue research into finding a cure for CDKL5 disorder; and

Whereas CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder is a rare genetic mutation that prevents the body from making essential proteins needed for brain development, causing children to have seizures as well as have issues achieving basic motor, vision, and other basic developmental milestones; and

Whereas CDKL5 Canada is looking to raise public awareness of this disorder, and provide support and information to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder; and

Whereas June is known as CDKL5 Awareness Month; and

Whereas local resident Jakob Ruest passed away from this devastating disorder when he was just three years old, and his family has created an awareness campaign in his memory.

Therefore Be It Resolved That I, Lisa McGee, Mayor, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as “CDKL5 Awareness Month” in the Town of Arnprior and encourage all citizens to participate in the CDKL5 Canada events and to learn more about this rare disorder which affects people in our community.

13. Committee Reports and Minutes

a) Mayor’s Report

Mayor Lisa McGee reported the following:

- Last week, I met with the Chair of the Renfrew Police Services OPP Detachment Board to discuss issues facing the Board and where we see the direction for

some of these items going. Pleased to say that we are on the same page and I look forward to working with this Board. The two new community members will be welcomed for the first time at the next meeting.

- Last week, I also met with a group of seniors at the Arnprior Public Library. They are a registered non-profit local chapter of a seniors group known as the United Seniors Citizens of Ontario (USCO). Their mandate is to provide help seniors through education, advocacy, cooperation and mental health. They seek to improve the lives of seniors in the community. They had many questions and creative ideas and I certainly look forward to meeting with them again in the future.
- Last Thursday, the “Spring Fling” evening downtown event took place and was a huge success for many businesses downtown. There was some fantastic music and shopping, accompanied by great weather.
- I have had two meetings with groups of residents over the past couple weeks:
 - One meeting was to discuss concerns with improper activity taking place at Robert Simpson Park in the evening. They were noting the drivers coming into the park space with their vehicles and doing spin outs and ruining the grass and other areas. They had not previously reported these concerns to the Town, By-law Enforcement or the OPP, and I encouraged them to do so going forward. I also encourage others to do this as well, as a first step to try to curb this behaviour.
 - The other was with two couples that have interesting plans and ideas for Galilee Retreat Centre. I was able to direct them to the appropriate person for Galilee; however, it was a great discussion overall.
- I had a meeting with Jason Marshall from Valley Heritage Radio. I got some interesting ideas and opportunities to expand on the Town’s advertising engagement, local promotion, and I will be discussing these options with the Marketing and Economic Development Officer (MEDO) and CAO.

b) County Councillor’s Report

County Councillor Lynch reported the following from the County of Renfrew:

- A resolution to have County staff prepare a report within three months on steps to form a Municipal Services Corporation to address communal water and wastewater systems in Renfrew County or join another Municipal Services Corporation and the possible scope of services that could be provided, was brought forward for consideration by County Council.
- Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference Delegation Request to:
 - Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry / Ministry of Energy.
 - Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Our letter dealing with the 2025 IIHF World Junior Championship Pre-Competition Event was received.
- The County of Renfrew welcomed 15 new and returning summer students across the various departments.

- County Council nominated County Councillor Peter Emon for the position of Rural Caucus Director on the AMO Board of Directors with the added responsibility of serving on the ROMA Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.
- County has procured more transient housing through a lease agreement between the County of Renfrew and Carefor Health and Community Services for the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment, located at 425 Cecelia Street, Pembroke.
- Next County Council Meeting is on Wednesday, May 29th, 2024.

Councillor Chris Toner reported the following meetings:

- Arnprior and McNab/Braeside Archives (AMBA) Board Meeting – May 23, 2024
 - The AMBA was formally introduced to our new archivist, Janis Hernandez. Janis' first archivist report focused on researching and applying for grants, exploring possibilities to share resources and collaborate with the museum and a priority list on how to make the archives more efficient and robust.
 - Our chair of the AMBA Board, Sara MacKenzie, was a recipient of her 10 year volunteer award.
 - The two planned history walks are starting to be advertised with posters and on social media. So far, the response has been exciting. Way to go, Ed. The first walk will take place on Canada Day Weekend. The second walk will take place at the Cultural Night Market on August 24th.
 - The archives has achieved its forecasted research fees revenue for the 2024 year.
 - There was discussion on community outreach, with the possibility of a blog on what is archival material and what we are looking for. Also, borrowing scanning equipment from Goulbourn Museum to digitize archival material on the spot and return items to original owners.
- Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Meeting – May 27, 2024
 - SALC programming update was provided noting:
 - Current membership is currently sitting at 263.
 - Discussed the results of men's programming survey. From this, a new men's fitness strengthening and boxing class was developed. We were also able to receive \$3,300 in grant funding to purchase the required equipment to run this program. This grant money came from the Eganville Community Resiliency Grant.
 - Other programs are going strong including line dancing and beginner pickleball.
 - Community gardens are now open and being well used by our seniors overall.
 - The construction of the new Men's Shed is underway with tentative move in date of late June.

c) Committee Reports and Minutes

- i. Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes – April 2, 2024
- ii. Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Minutes – April 3, 2024
- iii. Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes – April 15, 2024

Resolution Number 204-24

Moved by Chris Couper

Seconded by Billy Denault

That Council receive the following Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes as information:

- i. Culture and Diversity Advisory Committee Minutes – April 2, 2024
- ii. Accessibility and Age Friendly Advisory Committee Minutes – April 3, 2024
- iii. Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes – April 15, 2024

Resolution Carried

14. Correspondence & Petitions

a) Correspondence Package – I-24-May-10

Resolution Number 205-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That the Correspondence Package Number I-24-MAY-10 be received as information and filed accordingly.

Resolution Carried

County Councillor Lynch noted the following items:

- Page 12 - Attention post-secondary students who want to pursue a career in nursing, paramedicine or medical lab technology, you can now apply for the grant Ontario Learn and Stay Grant for the 2024-25 academic year.
- Page 21 - Attention seniors, the Ontario government is investing more than \$4.1 million over two years to expand GeriMedRisk. This will see 21 additional geriatric specialist and pharmacists hired that makes it easier and faster for seniors living with complex medical needs to access coordinated care, in their community.
- Page 28 - The Ontario government is investing nearly \$875,000 to the Interval House of Hamilton that will certify up to 23 violence against women (VAW) agencies across the province in the Coaching Boys into Men program. No mention as to where these agencies will be set up. The program will benefit students in approximately 200 high schools in Ontario.
- Page 62 - Time to lace up your sneakers and pump up your bike tires: the annual Silver Chain Challenge is back this June 2024! This exciting month-long event invites participants from Renfrew County and Lanark County to demonstrate their commitment to healthy living and active transportation, all while enjoying the scenic beauty of Eastern Ontario.

- Page 98 - Letter from Lake of Bays dealing with a Request for Royal Assent of Administrative Monetary Penalty System in Ontario Building Code that deals with municipalities having the ability to apply unpaid penalties on property taxes.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, the CAO noted there are pros and cons of moving to the AMP System and currently we are continuing with operating under a POA format.

Councillor Lynn Cloutier noted the following items:

- Page 81 – Copy of Presentation from Home Suite Homes – Councillor Cloutier provided some highlights from the presentation included in the information package, noting these tiny homes are custom additional dwelling units (ADU). She discussed the fact that this is something that we are seeing increase as an area of interest in the province, as well as an option for residents to install on their properties, in the Town and province overall. She noted she has had the opportunity to see these units, as well as speak to the business owners, noting a very positive experience overall. Councillor Cloutier asked residents and Council to look at the options this company has to offer, especially if you are looking to install an ADU on your property.

15. By-laws & Resolutions

a) By-laws

Resolution Number 206-24

Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

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

- i. By-law No. 7491-24 – Victoria Street Reconstruction Design and Engineering Award
- ii. By-law No. 7492-24 – Zoning By-law Amendment (Village Creek – Block 139)
- iv. By-law No. 7494-24 – 2023 Operating Surplus / Shortfall
- v. By-law No. 7495-24 – CIP Agreement (134 John Street North)

Resolution Carried

Councillor Chris Couper vacated his seat at the Council table at 7:20 pm.

Resolution Number 207-24

Moved by Chris Toner

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

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

- iii. By-law No. 7493-24 – Part Lot Control (Marshalls Bay Meadows)

Resolution Carried

Councillor Chris Couper resumed his seat at the Council table at 7:20 pm.

16. Announcements

County Councillor Dan Lynch made the following announcements:

- Warning for Algonquin Trail users, there is:
 - Poison ivy on the north side of trail at Thomas Street; and
 - There are nail heads surfacing on Madawaska Bridge crossing.
- Priorpalooza is this Saturday and should turn out to be a fantastic event.
 - In response to County Councillor Lynch, Councillor Cloutier provided some background information on the annual Priorpalooza event, and further noted that we hope everyone can come out and enjoy themselves.

Councillor Chris Couper made the following announcement:

- It is Community Living Month this month, and with the recent passing of my mother-in-law, this month means a lot. Councillor Couper provided an overview of his mother-in-law's background in Community Living, noting she served on the Board of Directors for many years, and was an advocate for people with developmental disabilities to live inclusive, independent and authentic lives. This is a great organization in our community that deserves attention and appreciation for the work they do.

17. Media Questions

None

18. Closed Session

Resolution Number 208-24 (7:24 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

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 matter about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and Section 239 (2) (f) concerning advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose (Airport).

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 209-24 (8:06 pm)

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Tom Burnette

That Council resume to Open Session.

Resolution Carried

Resolution Number 210-24

Moved by Billy Denault

Seconded by Lynn Cloutier

That Council direct staff to proceed as directed in closed session.

Resolution Carried

19. Confirmatory By-Law

Resolution Number 211-24

Moved by Dan Lynch

Seconded by Chris Couper

That By-law No. 7496-24 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 27, 2024 and it is hereby enacted and passed.

Resolution Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution Number 212-24

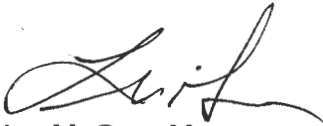
Moved by Lynn Cloutier

Seconded by Billy Denault

That this meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Resolution Carried

Signatures



Lisa McGee, Mayor



Kaila Zamojski, Town Clerk